



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

October 28, 2024

Workshops: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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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2025-26 Biennial Budget

(approximately 2 hours)

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, Shannon Olsen, Budget Manager,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us, shannon.olsen@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the 2025-26 Biennial Budget.

Councilmember Harless was late to the workshop.

Councilmember Harless attended the workshop remotely.

Council Dinner / Administrative Updates (6:00-6:30 p.m.)

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

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

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 the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via

the GoToMeeting conference call.

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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: *Councilmember Harless, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen, and Mayor McEnerny-Ogle*

Absent: *None*

Councilmember Harless joined the meeting remotely.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - September 16, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the September 16, 2024, meeting minutes.

Minutes - September 23, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the September 16, 2024, meeting minutes.

Community Communication

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter on the Agenda not already scheduled for Public Hearing. (Separate instructions are provided for offering testimony on Public Hearing when applicable.) This includes the option to testify about Workshops. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes for all items combined.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not

scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- *Brittney Jackson, Vancouver*
- *Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver*
- *Siobhana McEwen, Vancouver*
- *Linda Nielsen, Ridgefield, WA*
- *Katherine Cory, Vancouver*
- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

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

Consent Agenda

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately – after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Council pulled items 5 and 8 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1-4, 6-7, and 9 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 5 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 8 on the Consent Agenda.

1. Construction Acceptance - 192nd at 13th St Intersection

Staff Report: 216-24

Request: On October 28, 2024, accept the NE 192nd Ave at NE 13th St Intersection Improvements Project as constructed by Halme Excavating, Inc. of Battle Ground, Washington, and authorize release of retainage in the amount of \$15,222.87, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Madeline Burke, Civil Engineer, Madeline.Burke@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Construction Acceptance - 2024 Fourth Plain Curb Ramps

Staff Report: 217-24

Request: On October 28, 2024, accept the 2024 Fourth Plain Curb Ramps project as constructed by Grade Werks Excavating, LLC of Battle Ground, Washington, and authorize release of bond, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Madeline Burke, Civil Engineer, Madeline.Burke@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Services Agreement for Annual Rate Adjustments

AN ORDINANCE authorizing a current and future Amendments relating to annual rate setting to the Master Services Agreement with Attachments (“MSA”) between Clark County, Washington (“County”), the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”) and Columbia Resource Company (“Contractor”), herein referred to as (“Parties”).

Staff Report: 218-24

Request: On Monday, October 28, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of November 4, 2024, for a public hearing and second reading.

Julie Gilbertson, Solid Waste Supervisor,
julie.gilbertson@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion approved the request.

4. Ordinance Authorizing Rate Adjustments for City of Vancouver Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collection Rates for 2025

AN ORDINANCE relating to rate setting for collection of solid waste, recyclable materials and organics, and amending certain sections of VMC 6.12 to increase or adjust 2025 rates and charges consistent with approved utility user taxes and rates and in accordance with current contracts; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 219-24

Request: On Monday, October 28, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of November 4, 2024, for a public hearing and second reading.

Julie Gilbertson, Solid Waste Supervisor,
julie.gilbertson@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion approved the request.

5. City Center Redevelopment Authority Board Appointment

Request: Appoint Kenneth Anderton to a midterm position on the City Center Redevelopment Board, with a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2024.

Council Subcommittee 1

Motion approved the request.

6. Civil Service Commission Reappointment

Request: Reappoint Virginia Chapman to the Civil Service Commission to a full-term position that would begin October 31, 2024, and expire October 31, 2030.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Motion approved the request.

7. Clark County Public Health Advisory Council Reappointment

Request: Reappoint Elma Blum to a full-term position on the Clark County Public Health Advisory Council that begins September 30, 2024, and expires September 30, 2027.

Council Subcommittee 1

Motion approved the request.

8. Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board of Trustees Appointment

Request: Nominate Megan Dugan to a midterm position on the Fort Vancouver Regional Board of Trustees effective immediately and a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Council Subcommittee 2

Motion approved the request.

9. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for October 28, 2024.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$12,982,369.78.

Communications

A. From the Council

Districting Committee Update

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, introduced the Districting Committee Update. Councilmember Fox provided an update to the Council. Council had a brief discussion covering the topic.

Council Equity Resolution

Lon Pluckhahn, City Manager, introduced the Council Equity Resolution. Councilmember Perez provided an update to the Council. Council had a brief discussion covering the topic.

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Update

Katherine Kelly, Senior Transportation Policy Advisor, discussed the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Update.

Community Forum

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes. Up to 90 minutes will be allotted for the Community Forum.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter:

- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA
- Kyle Roslund, Vancouver
- Ian Bader, Vancouver
- Sarah Kaczmarek, Vancouver
- Bella Padgett, Vancouver
- Jamie Beyer, Vancouver
- Varun Rathi, Vancouver
- Ruth Wilmoth, Vancouver
- Pat Wilmoth, Vancouver
- Bruce Barnes, Vancouver
- Steven Epling, Vancouver
- Debra Taylor, Vancouver
- Fred Garmire, Vancouver
- Karen Garmire, Vancouver

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

Executive Session Re: Contract Negotiations, RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) (45 Min)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 8:30-9:15 p.m. to discuss Contract Negotiations, RCW 42.30.110(1)(d).

Adjournment

9:15 p.m.

DocuSigned by:

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:

Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Request to Sustain Columbia Springs Funding for Vital Community Programs
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 12:20:37 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-dvbqd04i.png](#)

From: Kristine Jacobs [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 11:55 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Request to Sustain Columbia Springs Funding for Vital Community Programs

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Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and City Council Members,

I am reaching out to respectfully request that the City reconsider the proposed \$50,000 funding reduction for Columbia Springs. This support is essential to continue offering free and low-cost community programs that directly benefit Vancouver residents of all ages.

Each year, Columbia Springs provides thousands of residents, families, and students with enriching activities, including Nature Days, Guided Hikes, and environmental education that foster a lifelong commitment to sustainability and conservation. By keeping this funding intact, the City of Vancouver is investing in a vibrant, engaged community and a healthier future for our local environment.

As the Community Engagement Specialist, I have the unique opportunity to interact with all participants at check in during community events. We have a wide variety of people attend our Nature Days including students from field trips bringing their families out to share the things they have learned at Columbia Springs, summer camp attendees who make a point to come to as many events as they can because they love this magical site, and community members looking for a way to get outside and explore a new place. We had a very rainy Nature Day this past Saturday that featured crafts, science activities, partner tables, and more, and was attended by over 100 people! On their way out, one family commented that it was "the best day ever!" We are so incredibly proud of the experiences that we provide to community members and want to continue to play an important role in inspiring stewardship for our natural world in Vancouver.

Thank you for considering the continued support of this valuable resource.

Warm regards,

Kristine Jacobs

Kristine Jacobs



Community Engagement Specialist ([she/her](#))

[REDACTED]

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From: [Michelle Jones](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult Sports
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 7:56:06 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

Adult sports programming put on by the community center is a great way to build relationships and strengthen bonds through healthy activity. Programs such as these should be maintained even if an increase in fees are necessary to offset costs.

The women's volleyball league that I was a part of helped me to build relationships and make friends at I time in my life when this was greatly needed. As a mother of young children this is a great need to the community. Each week that I played I was able to meet new people in a supportive, inclusive environment that was far less intimidating than joining a more competitive league in Portland. There are so few opportunities like this in the city of Vancouver I would hate to see it lost.

Sincerely,

Michelle Jones

From: [City of Vancouver, WA](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:37:15 AM

Contact the City Council

Name
Scott Solberg
Email
[REDACTED]
Phone
3604487904
Address
[REDACTED] Vancouver, WA 98662-3373 United States [REDACTED]
Subject
Share an Opinion of a City project or Initiative
Choose Recipient
All the Council
Message
I have been a volunteer at Columbia Springs for about 5 years and have witnessed the value this learning opportunity provides for young kids. Being outdoors with their peers while learning about life in our local ecosystems helps them relate to the natural world. These experiences seem to fit nicely with the educational objectives their teachers are trying to accomplish in the classroom. If there is a way to continue funding Columbia Springs in 2025, I believe it would be of great benefit to our community. Thanks! Scott Solberg

From: [Lori Strohl](#) on behalf of [Christine Moloney](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Advocacy for Columbia Springs
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024 11:49:12 AM
Attachments: [Columbia Springs letter of Support.docx](#)

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Good morning,

I've attached a letter of support from Superintendent Dr. Christine Moloney advocating for the continued funding of Columbia Springs educational programs.

Respectfully,

Lori Strohl

Administrative Assistant

Office of the Superintendent and Board of Directors

[REDACTED]

<https://www.evergreenps.org>



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Evergreen Public Schools

Dear City of Vancouver Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Evergreen Public Schools to advocate for maintaining the \$50,000 in funding for Columbia Springs. Columbia Springs has been an invaluable partner in providing hands-on environmental education for our students and fostering a sense of community stewardship, all while supporting the City's broader sustainability goals.

Each year, Columbia Springs engages thousands of students from our district in unique, real-world learning experiences. Their programs offer our students essential knowledge about environmental conservation, sustainable practices, and the importance of caring for natural resources. These programs align with the City's objectives and are instrumental in shaping the next generation of environmentally responsible citizens.

By teaching students about natural decomposition, recycling, and proper environmental care through Columbia Springs' summer camps and field trips, we are fostering long-term habits that reduce waste and keep Vancouver's environment clean. Moreover, the cost of providing such comprehensive programs—if managed by the City or schools alone—would be significantly higher than what Columbia Springs achieves through its efficient, volunteer-driven model. In this way, Columbia Springs not only benefits the students but also supports the City by reducing future environmental management costs through proactive education.

The potential loss of \$50,000 in funding would directly impact Columbia Springs' ability to continue providing these valuable services. This cut would result in fewer opportunities for students to engage with their environment and learn the critical skills needed to support the City's long-term sustainability efforts.

We urge the City of Vancouver to recognize the far-reaching benefits that Columbia Springs provides—not only to our students but to the broader community—and to continue supporting this vital organization by maintaining its funding. Your investment in Columbia Springs is an investment in the education and well-being of our students and the sustainability of Vancouver's future.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Moloney
Superintendent

From: [Emilee Eastman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Vancouver Adults Sports
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024 4:41:07 PM

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Good evening!

I wanted to send an email regarding adult sports through the city of Vancouver. This last year was my first year playing in the women's volleyball league with a group of friends. This became our weekly outlet where we all could get together, play volleyball and stay active while working and being parents. This was an incredible outlet for so many of us. To our disappointment the league and other sports were canceled. If there is any way to re-allow there to be adult sports, not only would this be beneficial for mental health, but also physical well-being.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best,

Emilee Williams

From: [Jean M. Avery](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comment re: budget discussions
Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 7:47:47 AM

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To Madam Mayor and City Council:

Thank you for your careful consideration of the impacts of the upcoming budget-related decisions for our beloved city. Indeed, the decisions made now will affect the quality of life in Vancouver for years and decades to come.

I would ask you to preserve parks, open spaces, recreational hiking, and nature-based programs -- including Parks and Rec, Naturespaces, Columbia Springs, Watershed Alliance, and Americorps. Without these programs, Vancouver would not be the special place it is.

Thanks to nature-based programs, residents learn to enjoy the outdoors and protect our lands and water. These programs also create a sense of community -- reaching many school-age kids, and involving neighborhoods with both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking residents.

I am disappointed that budget cuts are targeting these low-cost, high-impact programs. These programs also offer many hours of community service: planting trees, removing invasive weeds, and cleaning up our beaches.

I share a quote from the City's website:

"Parks, trails, events and recreation improve quality of life and contribute to a vibrant and connected Vancouver."

Thank you for your consideration.

Jean M. Avery
Vancouver

From: [Jamie Lemon](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Parks & Rec - Adult Sports
Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 4:04:49 PM

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Hello,

I'm reaching out to express my support for adult sports programs delivered by the City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation. I moved to Vancouver in 2021 and didn't know a single person in the area. I sought out adult sports to make new friends and feel more connected to my community. I've played multiple winter women's volleyball leagues and it's what I look forward to most during the cold rainy season. I've made quite a few friends through the program and we were all very disappointed to learn that the volleyball league was cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Please reconsider more cuts to the adult sports programming through Parks and Recreation.

Thanks,
Jamie Lemon

From: [vanessa muckerheide](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please keep Adult Women's League Volleyball
Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 10:30:31 PM

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Hi there,

My name is Vanessa Muckerheide. I have lived in Vancouver for most of my life and have played volleyball for private catholic schools in vancouver, evergreen public schools and even Clark College. Volleyball has made such an impact on my life, it has brought me some of my closest friends and has brought my family together on numerous occasions.

It has been tough in adulthood to find leagues you don't have to cross the bridge to play in. That is why I am so grateful for the Parks and Rec league that is put together at Lupeke/Marshall center every year. It has brought old friends back into my life, new friends, it's given moms on our team a break for a night of fun. We absolutely love this league and have played in it for the past 3 years consistently and a few years sporadically before that. The past couple years we have even won the league a few times. It has brought confidence back to me and many of my teammates and reminded us we are not too old to keep moving. I know that losing this league would be a big sadness for some of the women I play with because the Portland leagues are too long of a commute and they would lose their chance to play competitively.

This league is also what brought my Mother into the Volleyball community here in the states. She is an immigrant from Samoa and this league brought her into the volleyball community 25 years ago and she was once a big pillar in the volleyball community here in Vancouver, She ran a Volleyball club called Nafanua and coached for many years at various clubs and schools.

To my knowledge the Vancouver parks and rec league is the only women's league in Clark and skamania county and many would be disappointed to see it go. I say all this because I want the council to know that there is a very big Women's Volleyball community here in the Clark County area with many generations that have played in the same gyms and I would hate to no longer see that community get together,

Please take this all into deep consideration before making a decision. We hope it will be to keep this community together.

Thank you,
Vanessa Muckerheide

From: [Danielle Mueller](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Keep adult volleyball!
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024 10:03:47 AM

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I have been playing on an adult women's volleyball league for a couple years now through the Marshall center. It is always the highlight of my week! I am nurse and have stressful weeks so the time away from that environment to connect and meet new people and play a sport I love is my favorite part of the week. I have meet some amazing women through this league and we strengthen and encourage each other, even when we are playing against each other. I have made life long friends through this club. There was no fall league this year and I was devastated but had hope in the spring season but it it got canceled it would be a travesty as I know so many people depend on this time away for connection, encouragement and a healthy activity to get us out and moving. Even if we need to pay more to cover some more costs we would be willing but please do not take this away from us.

-Danielle Meuler

(Yor Mom) women's volleyball team member.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Breanna Fisher](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult Volleyball
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024 11:04:29 AM

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Hi,

It makes me sad to hear about the possibility of losing adult sports, specifically volleyball Thursday nights. 2 years ago I joined a team. I was newer to the area and had never done anything like that. At first I was nervous. I hadn't touched a volleyball in nearly a decade. I was worried if I was making the right decision. However it was the best decision I could have made. It served so many purposes

1. It helped me make friends. Friends that I continue to connect with now. I loved getting to know both the people on my team, but also other friendly faces from the community.
2. It genuinely helped grow my confidence with sports. As I mentioned, I was very worried about playing. I wasn't confident and it had been so long, however playing with such encouraging teammates and people from the community grew my confidence and helped me be brave enough to play other times as well.
3. Physical activity. I loved this new form of exercise I could count on. It was a way to be active that I actually enjoyed. Thursdays became my favorite night of the week.
4. Finally, it was a great outlet for me that was life giving. Before this, I would spend most nights at home. This added meaning to my life, getting to connect with other women, do something active, and find an activity I enjoyed.

I would love if you would consider keeping Thursday night volleyball. We were so thrilled when we had Fall volleyball last year. We were SO sad it got canceled and were counting down the months until winter volleyball. I really hope we will get to do it.

Thanks,

Breanna Fisher

From: [katrina.worden](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Women's Volleyball
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024 1:02:24 PM

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Our whole team would be upset if women's volleyball left. It's something for us to do once a week to get out of the house when the weather is bad.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Samantha Gartman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Volleyball
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024 7:44:27 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I was sad to hear that volleyball was not happening this season and maybe not at all. I have been playing for the last couple years with a group of moms from school. It has been a great way for us to spend time together outside of school, without kids and play the sport we all love. It is so important for us women to get out of our normal routine and do something for ourselves. We look forward to it every year.

Please bring volleyball back!!

Thank you,

-Sam Gartman

New moms on the block

From: [Connie Vowels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult Sports city of Vancouver
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024 9:07:08 PM

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Hello

I am writing to you with my concerns of the possibility of cutting out Parks and Recreation adult sports. As a Vancouverite my whole life and always using Marshall Center Parks and Rec for my sports, I am appalled you would consider dropping adult sports for this community. The impact of adult Sports through the city has been greatly appreciated and counted upon for thousands of people and to hear that is maybe drop is devastating!

I have played women's Volleyball for 30 years with the City and 20 years of softball. In fact back in the 60s I was able to start playing girls softball as a 13 year old on the original softball fields on the property because of the parks and Rec.

Adult sports has been so great to the community as it has done so much for the people we know as to help newcomers to the city, making new and reuniting old friends on the court or fields! Sports is a great stress reliever and as a nutritionist I fully know how important exercise is for our bodies young and old.

How embarrassing it would be to say the city cut out adult sports as health and welfare of our community was not so important to them. So many residents rely on Parks and Rec for their recreation and enjoyment instead of going to a costly gym.

As a resident of Vancouver for 72yrs. I have seen so many businesses going under, please do not make adult sports be another one of them!

Please seriously consider this message to you as you make your decision.

Thank you
Connie Vowels

From: [Alex Brocius](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Volleyball season
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024 9:08:27 PM

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Hi, I'm writing in response to an email sent out that said volleyball season is in danger of being canceled, and I'm writing to let you know just how devastating that would be. Yes, I know that sounds dramatic, but it's true. For a lot of us, it's the thing we look forward to each week that makes us feel alive, competitive, and energized! I've played volleyball my entire life and the thrill it brings is untouchable, honestly. I have a chill, routine, fairly boring life, but after a game of volleyball, something is unleashed and I genuinely feel like I could conquer the world, I get such a high from playing! It makes me feel like a badass, it helps keep me in my workout routine, it gives me a day to bond with my team in the way that team sports does. It's a special phenomenon, and I would be heartbroken if that were to get taken away. I hope you reconsider, because it brings so many teams and people so much joy, it'd be gutwrenching to see that come to an end.

Thank you,

Alex

From: [Janel Rupp](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult Volleyball
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024 9:19:42 PM

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To Whom it May Concern, I have had the opportunity to participate in the women's adult volleyball league at Marshall Center.

This Program has been great and such a good way for me to get in exercise, enjoy some friendly competition, make new friends and participate on a team. This is one of the highlights of my year to be honest. I look forward to every season and am always disappointed when it comes to an end.

As a single mom who works two jobs, this has been a great outlet for me where I can connect with others and do something that gives me enjoyment and a sense of community. It also shows my daughter that you are never too old to do what you enjoy!

I think adult sports are incredibly important and would hate to see the programs go away.

Sincerely,
Janel Rupp

From: [Leah Ray](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult sports
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024 10:06:14 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to urge you not to discontinue funding for adult sports. I have been playing women's volleyball since 2008 and it means a lot to me. I joined when I was new to the area and was hoping to make new friends. The friendships I have cultivated through volleyball have been incredible. It is also a wonderful way to keep my body moving and healthy. I would be disappointed if this adult volleyball league was no longer available to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Leah Ray

Leah Ray, O.D.



[REDACTED]
[Vancouver, WA 98683](#)

[REDACTED]
Fax (360) 896-5503
visioncenteratcascadepark.com

From: [Williams, Angela \(City\)](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult Sports Programs
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 7:10:07 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

As a lifelong participant in Vancouver's Public Sports programs, I have experienced firsthand the incredible value they bring to our community. These programs provide a unique platform for individuals to connect beyond their immediate circles and foster relationships that last a lifetime. Through participating in our local Co-Ed Softball and Volleyball Leagues, I have created enduring friendships that enrich my life.

The ability for people to engage in sports passionately and competitively is an integral part of our community's spirit. It's imperative that we maintain these opportunities, not only to enhance personal health and well-being but also to foster a sense of community belonging.

I believe it is crucial for us to continually assess and adapt the variety and nature of programs offered to align with evolving interests and demographics. While budget constraints are challenging, they should not compromise the breadth of programs available to our community members. It is of utmost importance that we ensure both our youth and adult residents continue to have access to diverse and dynamic recreational opportunities.

I hope my personal experiences highlight the importance these programs have on fostering a vibrant and connected community. Let us continue to be proactive in finding solutions that allow these programs to thrive even amidst financial challenges.

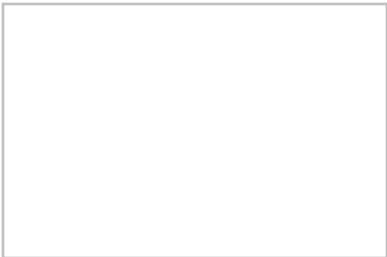
Thank you for your dedication and consideration towards enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

[Thank you,](#)

Angela Williams| Senior Permit Specialist
Community Development Department (CDD)

Office: 

cityofvancouver.us



From: [Brooke Groves](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Women's Volleyball League at Marshall Center
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 7:43:14 AM

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I'm so disappointed due to budget cuts you decided to cancel the Women's Volleyball League. They have had that league for the community for over 20 years! It's such a great outlet for women to connect, relieve some stress, working parents, etc.

Please reconsider allowing it to come back to Marshall Center.

Thank you,

Brooke Groves

From: [Caroline Saty](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult Vball
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 9:16:37 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I'd like to start by saying thank you so much for the opportunity to send in a request for a petition.

However, it seems like you didn't give us much notice, sending out an email out at 3:47pm on a Friday for a prompt response at noon the next business day. I had initially reached out to Jude, then Stacey in September regarding this issue.

A lot of us are working parents and busy running our kids around to their sports, music, extras. We have all looked forward to this one night to come out and play as adult athletes. I urge you to prayerfully consider not cutting this program.

Thank you,

Caroline Saty
New moms on the Block

From: [Kelly Goforth](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult sports leagues
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 8:02:58 AM

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Good morning,

It has come to my attention that adult sports leagues are being considered to be dropped from the community centers in Vancouver. I'm incredibly disappointed to hear this, as these leagues provide a safe and inclusive space for athletes to be with like-minded and active adults. Many adults have children or families, work full-time, and struggle to find areas of self-care for themselves. The adult sports leagues at Vancouver have been my safe haven for years in this exact manner. My partner is disabled, I am his primary caretaker, and the volleyball league I have been a member of for years has been so rewarding and validating for me. The consistent break from the rest of life has been something to look forward to each and every week. The process is affordable, the other teammates and players are always positive and uplifting.

I strongly urge you to reconsider eliminating adult sports leagues from the City of Vancouver since so many adults use it to stay both physically and mentally stable. I tremendously miss playing this season and am really hoping to play in the spring season.

Hopefully,

Kelly Goforth
8 year CoV adult league volleyball player

From: [Crystal Steinmueller](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult sports are important!
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 8:02:56 AM

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Good morning,

I have been playing in the women's volleyball league at Marshall Center since 2007! Our team has been together since then. We originally started as a group of free agent players, and now some of my best friends have come from that team.

There aren't many options in Vancouver to play women's volleyball, so if the city cuts adult sports that would be a huge disappointment. We don't want to have to cross the river to play. Please save adult sports!

*Crystal

From: [Jen Gollehon](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Women"s volleyball
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 8:02:11 AM

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Hi,

I just wanted to let you know that every year my friends and I look forward to the women's volleyball league. It is definitely a highlight and we all talk about it being the best night of the week. We have stay at home moms and working moms and new moms playing on our team.

We love it. Please protect adult sports!!

Thanks!

From: [Sandra Maxwell](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Columbia Springs
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 8:02:10 AM

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This is a reserved piece of Vancouver's past which is so important to understanding how we came to be now. Priceless to the students growing up and understanding how we evolved. Not just educational, also a serene place to visit and feel nature. Cool, damp and lush green. We need to pass this on as long as possible. I'm 87 and still love it. Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Tia Davis](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Funding of Columbia Springs
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 8:02:06 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my displeasure in the attempted idea of reducing the funding of Columbia Springs. As a citizen of Clark County, this is a disappointing idea and should be rejected. Columbia Springs announced that city council is attempting to reduce funding by over \$50,000 which is absurd. This community needs this resource and should be allowed their full funding. As humans we are ever connected to the natural world and Columbia Springs that allows us to reconnect to that one truth and express our true human nature through ways of field trips, community education, and exploration.

Please reconsider.

Thanks

From: [Nischik, Julie](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Delapena, Amanda](#)
Subject: RE: To be read today at Open Communications for City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 11:52:52 AM

FYI – this was sent to the planning commission inbox but I think intended for council.

Thanks,
Julie Nischik (she/her) | Senior Support Specialist
City of Vancouver

From: Shannon Stamps [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 10:33 AM
To: Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: To be read today at Open Communications for City Council Meeting

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Dear Vancouver City Council,

I regret that I am unable to attend today's meeting in person, but I appreciate the opportunity to have my comments read aloud.

For the past three years, I have been desperately asking for help with the increasing crime in my neighborhood, which is directly tied to the city's failure to enforce the no camping during the day codes. This has allowed unhoused individuals to essentially reside outside the Mill Plain sound wall, leading to numerous issues.

I recently testified before this council on September 16th and have since sent three more emails detailing additional incidents, yet I have received no response (emails attached to this email for proof). The most recent email/incident involved a person jumping over the sound wall, threatening my neighbor's dogs, and terrifying her and her young daughter. It took over two hours for the police to respond.

Just last Thursday, I personally witnessed a drug deal and called the police, but they did not arrive for over five hours. We are living in fear, and I must ask again: why are the rights of the houseless being prioritized over the rights of the victims of these crimes?

My ask is that the council either:

1.

- Start enforcing the no day camping code,
- Close the Mill Plain sound wall to camping completely,
- Consider the empty jail in East Vancouver for the Share Bridge since the county will not support funding this solution for the homeless, and/or
- All of the above.

This is election season, and I can assure you that I do not speak alone. As a registered Democrat, I am not voting party line because of the council's inability to allow me to feel safe in my own home, the largest investment I will ever make in my life.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

Shannon Stamps

Hough Home Owner (property tax payer)

██████████ please do not read my phone number in open testimony)

From: [Shannon Stamps](#)
To: [City Council](#); glen.yung@clark.wa.gov; annette.cleveland@leg.wa.gov; sharon.wylie@leg.wa.gov; monica.stonier@leg.wa.gov
Cc: Amy@clarkcountymatters.com; [Quintrell, Anna](#)
Subject: Urgent: Safety Concerns Due to Homeless Camping at Sound Wall, Mill Plain
Attachments: [RingVideo_20241008_115003.mp4](#)
[20241007_185445_002.mp4](#)

Dear Vancouver City Council, Clark County District 1 Representative and 49th District Representatives,

I am reaching out again to implore you to take immediate action to close the Sound Wall at Mill Plain to homeless camping. Yesterday, October 22, 2024, before 8:30 pm, one of my neighbors called 911 because a homeless camper partially hopped over the retaining wall into her yard, threatening her dogs. Despite her urgency, no police car arrived in the area until 10:18 pm. My security system, equipped with four cameras, records all movement at the corner of 16th and Markle (where my home is located), and this was the first patrol I had seen in a month.

This unacceptable situation has been ongoing for over three years, and it is only worsening. My neighbor and her young daughter were left feeling unsafe and vulnerable for nearly two hours. Such delays and lack of effective responses are intolerable. Just this week HART shared that 22% of the VPD time is spent addressing homelessness.

I have shared footage of a homeless man smoking fentanyl on my porch, here is the [link again](#) for your reference. I ask you: Would you allow this to continue in your neighborhood? What are we supposed to do? Sell our homes and move elsewhere?

We cannot endure this any longer. The "let it ride" approach described by the Mayor last month when I testified to the City Council, is failing us. Homeowners in this area are feeling voiceless, helpless, and hopeless. We need immediate and effective solutions to ensure our safety and restore our quality of life. As I said before, our rights should not be trumped by the by another vulnerable community.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Shannon Stamps



Vancouver, WA 98660



From: Shannon Stamps <shannondennise@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:02 AM

To: citycouncil@cityvancouver.us <citycouncil@cityvancouver.us>

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Homelessness on Mill Plain Sound Wall in Vancouver Washington
Elected officials,

This is Shannon Stamps of 16th St. and Markle In Vancouver, Washington, reaching out again regarding the homeless population in my area. This crisis So out of control that we do not even have police driving down the streets of 16th to regularly monitor our area. I'm providing some evidence to further illustrate why I tell you, I do not feel safe in my own home and why I share that I feel that the homeless population is getting preferential treatment over me and my rights as a tax pay home owning voting Democratic citizen.

As I shared in my testimony previously, I have the ring security system surrounding my home. I have this on the most sensitive setting. It records any and every car that drives down 16th St and anyone that walks down the sidewalk of 16th St.

I am currently out of town. I had a friend go over to my home yesterday to water my plants. In the enclave, she discovered a man laying on the ground. She walked over to ask if he needed assistance. He told her she he was OK. I have attached my ring camera footage, her video footage of this and photos of this.

I cannot see into the enclave, but I can ensure you no police have driven past my home last night or today so the man could very well still be laying in the enclave without any assistance.

We need a solution other than what is currently happening.

Thank you,

Shannon Stamps

From: Shannon Stamps [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 5:08:22 PM

To: citycouncil@cityvancouver.us <citycouncil@cityvancouver.us>

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Homelessness on Mill Plain Sound Wall in Vancouver Washington

Dear Members of the Vancouver City Council,

I am writing to express my deep disappointment with the recent decision regarding the Mill Plain Sound Wall situation. Despite my testimony and repeated efforts to communicate my safety concerns to my representatives in the 49th District, my concerns have gone unanswered.

In response, I have now partnered with [Clark County Matters](#) and engaged them with my

local Hough community to address this pressing safety issue the homeless encampments are causing for the broader community at large.

Moving forward, I will document and share incidents related to the homeless encampment with both the City Council and the 49th District representatives. In addition to calling the police and reporting to HART. Please see attached video from today. It is essential that the severity of the situation is fully understood by all stakeholders, from all the vantage points, not only HARTs.

Please know that my actions are not rooted in a lack of compassion; on the contrary, I invite you to verify my substantial financial contributions to Sharehouse and United Way, which underscore my commitment to social welfare.

While my views generally align with liberal perspectives on social issues, the escalating crisis, The City Manager and HART's inability to effectively manage it compel me to prioritize practical solutions over emotional responses. If my professional department were managed as the homelessness issue has been, accountability measures would have been swiftly enacted. The Emergency Declaration went into effect November of 2023! That is dangerously close to one year.

I believe it may be time to consider a comprehensive overhaul of the strategies and personnel involved in addressing homelessness in our community. We need a team capable of executing effective solutions to improve the situation for **all residents**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing meaningful progress and am willing to assist in any constructive efforts toward this end.

Sincerely,

Shannon Stamps
Vancouver Resident and Homeowner
Registered Democrat

From: Shannon Stamps [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 1:30 PM

To: Shannon Stamps <shannondennise@outlook.com>

Subject:

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From: [Delapena, Amanda](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Spinelli, Jamie](#)
Subject: FW: Allowing fires and camp stoves in the Homeless Camp along the Mill Plain Sound Wall south of Hough
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 8:02:00 AM
Attachments: [IMG_20241026_0001.pdf](#)

Good morning,

This came into the Council inbox. Sarah, it sounds like this resident testified at Council last week, so providing it for your records.

Amanda Delapena

Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager

From: Mary <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2024 1:27 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>; Scarpelli, Heidi <Heidi.Scarpelli@cityofvancouver.us>; Pluckhahn, Lon <Lon.Pluckhahn@cityofvancouver.us>; Young, Jonathan <Jonathan.Young@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Re: Allowing fires and camp stoves in the Homeless Camp along the Mill Plain Sound Wall south of Hough

Some people who received this message don't often get email from houghhomeless@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

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On Sat, Oct 26, 2024 at 1:25 PM Mary <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I have attached my testimony at the Oct 21, 2024 City Council Meeting about the safety of the homeless, the safety of the Hough neighborhood, and the potential liability for the city. Any fires by the homeless could easily spread because of the closeness of the tents to one another and the many trees.

Thank you

Mary Cray
[REDACTED]

I would like to address fires in the homeless camp along the Hough Mill Plain Sound wall

1. Text message from Jamie Spinelli informed me that the homeless were allowed recreational fires
2. Outside Habitation For Tent Encampments distributed by VPD states that camp stoves are allowed and they reference following codes
 - a. VMC 6.12.120 which states cannot burn garbage
 - b. VMC 15.04.110 which refers to fires in parks and states that disposal of barbecue materials should be placed in designated disposal facility (I don't see how this one applies since the sound wall encampment is not a park.)
 - c. RCW 9A.48 has do with Arson and reckless burning
3. After a warming fire in a Hazel Dell Homeless Camp spread in Sept of this year, David Schmitke Spokesperson for the Clark County Fire District 6 was quoted In the Columbian as follows

"As the weather starts getting colder, we're in the situation where people have these warming fires, and do you want to be the person that goes up to say "Hey, it's freezing but you got to put that out. We try to use a dose of humanity, but it's frustrating when it happens regularly"

None of these comments address that Recreational campfires must be at least 25 ft from Combustibles and portable barbecues must be at least 15 ft away from combustibles. This is from a City Fact Sheet on Outdoor fireplaces, BBQ and Recreational Burning. This is not possible at the Hough Sound wall encampments. The tents are closer to one another than that and also there are lots of trees on the property.

The information printed from Hart Coordinator Jamie Spinelli), VPD and the Clark County Fire District 6 spokesperson implies that this code will not be enforced. This appears to be a potential liability for the city if someone is hurt, or worse killed, in a fire that could be prevented by only allowing encampments where the homeless can be safely separated as per code.

Again the Sound Wall Encampment site falls far short of these conditions. There have already been two fires that I know of. One that directly impacted the Hough neighbors property. We were home and burning embers were blowing into our yard. Thankfully it was not windy and none landed on our roofs. One of the homeless lost their tent and belongings in the fire. Luckily no one was hurt.

In closing, the Homeless camps along the Hough Sound Wall should be closed for the safety of the homeless, the safety of the Hough neighborhood and to prevent any future liability for the city.

From: [Delapena, Amanda](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Cc: [Pluckhahn, Lon](#)
Subject: FW: ICC Comment Letter RE: City of Vancouver Budget
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024 10:44:16 AM
Attachments: [ICC City of Vancouver Budget 102424.pdf](#)

Sarah,

Please add the attached letter to public comment.

Amanda Delapena

Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager

From: sean@iccbusiness.org [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 10:41 AM
To: McEnerny-Ogle, Anne [REDACTED]; Pluckhahn, Lon
<Lon.Pluckhahn@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Subject: ICC Comment Letter RE: City of Vancouver Budget

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Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and City Manager Pluckhahn:

As we discussed a few weeks ago, we are submitting written comments regarding the city budget given limited opportunities to discuss this matter.

We would welcome additional dialogue similar to our discussions over several months regarding the police package and the homeless emergency.

Ron Arp
[Identity Clark County](#)
360.601.2991

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October 24, 2024

Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Vancouver City Council
City Manager Lon Pluckhahn
City of Vancouver
PO Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Dear Mayor, Council and City Manager Pluckhahn:

On behalf of private sector employers across our community, we are writing today to provide perspective to the City of Vancouver manager's recommended 2025-2026 budget. We are providing written comment given minimal opportunity for dialogue or public comment until the public hearing process in November.

Allow us to begin with expressing a sense of shared challenge. After a decade of sustained recovery from the Great Recession, we have spent the last four years enduring the first widespread pandemic in a century and the fastest runup in inflation and interest rates in a generation. These conditions have caused leaders across public and private sectors to scrutinize every dimension of their organizations – budgets, plans, commitments, staffing, operations, technology and capital investments.

We were surprised to learn that the city's normally conservative budgeting and planning fell short looking toward the next biennium, which we understand to be attributable to slower development, bargaining and inflation. Although always challenging, we appreciated the direction to explore budget rollbacks of 15 percent, with targets of 5 percent for police and fire services, in addition to exploring revenue possibilities, to make up for a \$43M shortfall.

Such rollbacks are understandable given that City of Vancouver staffing had grown by about 37 percent over the past decade while population has grown at half that rate, or about 19 percent. However, it appears that the rollback of a net nine FTE or 27 budgeted FTEs, falls short of the adjustments warranted by the current budget shortfall and outlook. This is placing outside pressure on non-staff programmatic expenditures to make up about half of the budget shortfall. At this stage, it is difficult to understand the tradeoffs or to explore whether a more narrowly focused set of priorities should be pursued.

The recommended budget relies heavily on the deployment or expansion of six new revenue tools. Our concern is that the addition of these tools depletes flexibility for future challenges, hits the community relatively suddenly, and introduces revenue tools where there is minimal marketplace familiarity. Our community lacks familiarity and understanding of the impact of several tools such as a proposed 6% cable tax, commercial parking tax, entertainment tax and an arts and culture sales tax.

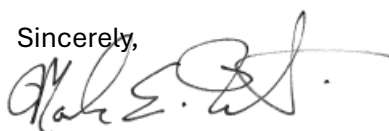
We are supportive of the city creating a bridge shelter to help ease the city's homeless emergency conditions and recognize a nexus with business. We also appreciate that funding for the bridge shelter is conditional upon the project's operation. However, we take exception that retail businesses would shoulder almost all the operating costs and be subject to double-taxation through both a business license surcharge "head tax" and introduction of a 0.1% B&O tax on retail sales. For 20 years, the business community has accepted a business license surcharge "head tax" as a more favorable tax alternative to a tax on gross revenue and one where council adopted an accelerated fee schedule through 2030 just two years ago.

We also are supportive of Proposition 4, the VPD property tax levy lid lift and successive increases. We feel there is a strong case for bolstering our police ranks and for investing in public safety technology as our community grows. The city has identified and socialized needs over the past year, helping our community understand the merits of that plan. However, it is challenging to embrace this measure at the same time there are so many new revenue tools and fee adjustments under consideration.

It is notable that Vancouver and southwest Washington face complex economic dynamics unlike other parts of the state because we share a metropolitan area with another state that has a different tax structure. It is difficult to fully predict the resulting economic environment for citizens and businesses. As examples, one might expect that additional tax burdens will result in more sales tax leakage, more climate-related challenges such as additional vehicle miles traveled, and slower housing and job development.

Regrettably, the budget development schedule does not allow time for more dialogue and analysis around the benefits and consequences of various decisions, or to more completely discuss revenue and expenditure models in a granular manner. Nevertheless, on behalf of the private sector, we encourage council to direct staff to consider a more conservative plan overall, by proposing rollbacks more closely reflecting guidance from last spring and deploying fewer revenue tools at this time. We also advise keeping an open mind to reversing commitments to new revenue tools if the revenue outlook brightens or if actions through the state legislature supply more revenue tools.

Sincerely,



Mark Mantei, Chair
Identity Clark County



Ron Arp, President
Identity Clark County

Cc: ICC Board of Directors

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#); Victorialeeferrer@gmail.com
Subject: Watch "Dr. Phil: What Are The Consequences of Defunding The Police? We Found Out | Dr. Phil Primetime" on YouTube
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:05:49 PM

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<https://youtu.be/vy08TFPXeuU?si=W-D9M6EGWhCy1gDO> Please send to council members and MELNICK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: County Board of Health gets an earful on Covid-19 mandates - All Politics is Local
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:26:54 PM

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<https://blogs.columbian.com/all-politics-is-local/county-board-of-health-gets-an-earful-on-covid-19-mandates/> Please send to council members and MELNICK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. I want to know why Chairman Medvigy was so mad? Now he claims there were no mandates in Clark County. Why doesn't MELNICK tell us about the cures and tell the public the ingredients? You have the patents. I would like a response.
Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Reform Clark County - Rob Anderson](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Victorialeeferrer@gmail.com](#); [Ken Vance](#)
Subject: Covid
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 4:13:17 PM

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<https://t.me/DrJudyMikovitsHealthSecrets/555>. Please send to council members and MELNICK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Grich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Fwd: Workers Fired for Refusing COVID Shots Win \$8 Million + 17 Vaccines Linked to GBS + More
Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 8:35:47 PM

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From: **Childrens Health Defense** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Oct 25, 2024, 1:37 PM
Subject: Workers Fired for Refusing COVID Shots Win \$8 Million + 17 Vaccines Linked to GBS + More
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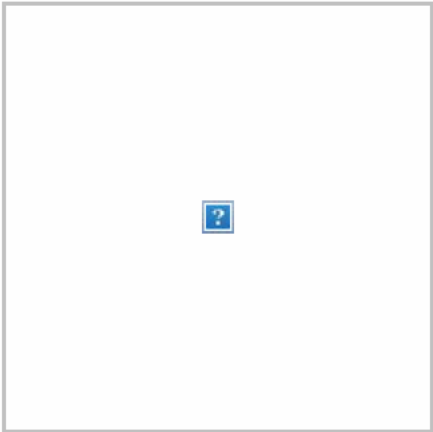
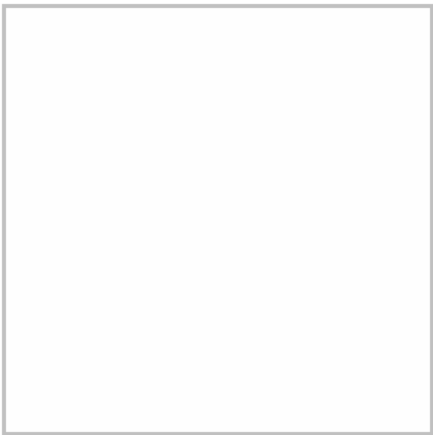
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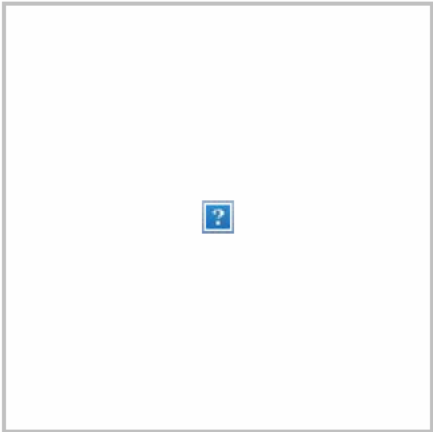
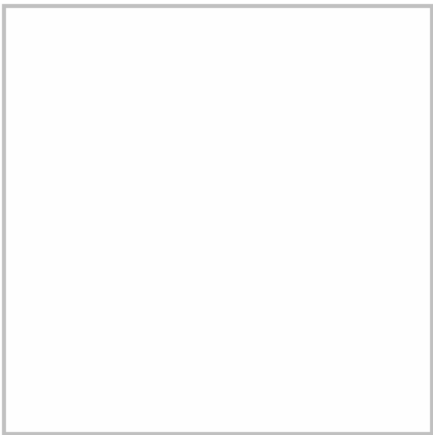


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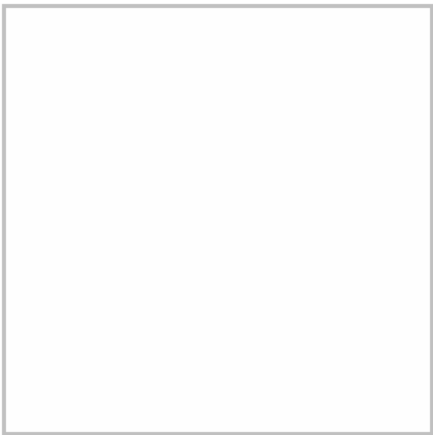
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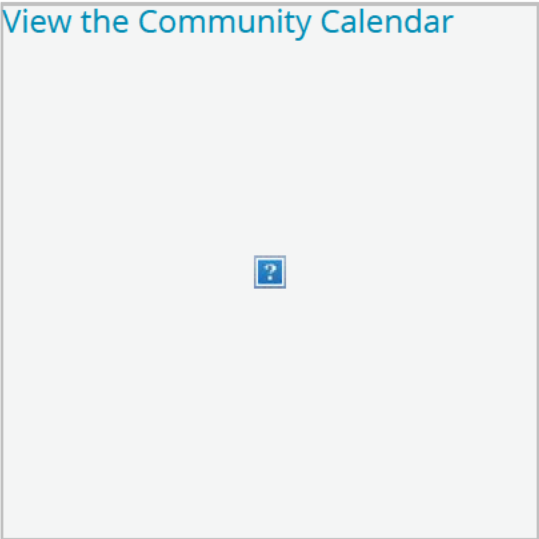
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Hey *Wynn*,

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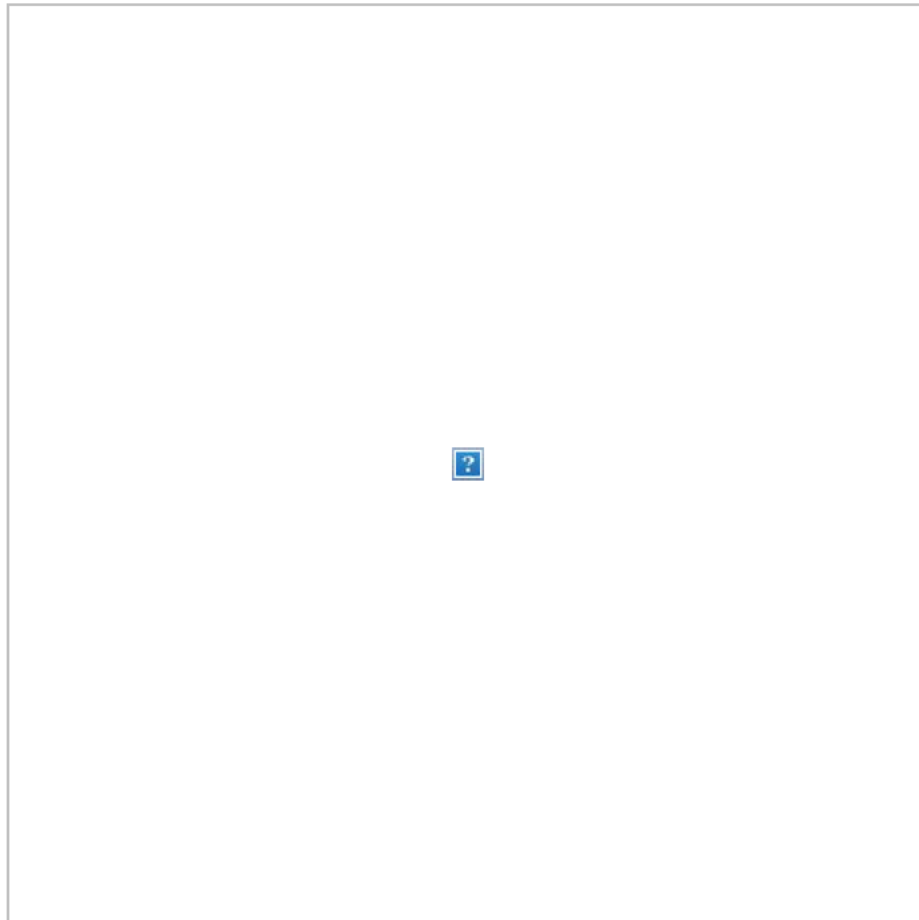
Because let me tell you...

This nightmare is FAR from over.

Many people are *still* fighting the life-destroying symptoms of long-haul C0VID!

- Brain fog
- Chronic fatigue
- Breathlessness
- Body aches

So.... [Why is it still lingering?](#)



(Image Source: New Scientist)

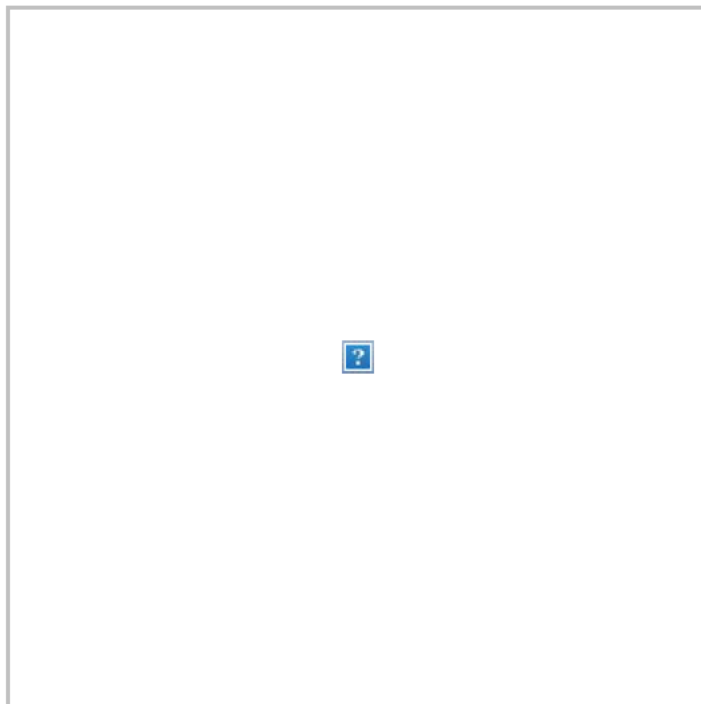
The TRUTH about the root cause behind long COVID...

Is finally starting to surface!

A study published by *New Scientist*¹ found that **inflammatory molecules....**

The same ones triggered during COVID...

Are likely *still* circulating in your blood if you have long-haul COVID.



(Image source: British Heart Foundation)

Even months after you've "recovered" from the virus.

And it gets worse...

Experts found that these same molecules are linked to [your immune system malfunctioning](#)...

Keeping you stuck in a vicious cycle of persistent inflammation.

*"The researchers think the **ongoing immune responses** could be **causing** the symptoms of long COVID."*

And this study wasn't a once-off discovery...

*Cell Death & Differentiation*² added to this research....

*“If the general health status and the HLA haplotype of the infected individual do not eliminate the virus, the patient then enters the severe stage, **when strong damaging inflammatory response occurs**, especially in the lungs.”*

In hindsight the signs are all there that long-haul COVID symptoms could be the result of...

Your body failing to shut down the inflammatory response after contracting the virus.

This could be why you're *still* suffering, along with millions of others, with the after-effects of COVID-19!

And the sad reality is that the gvmt and Big Pharma...

Still don't seem to have [a real plan in place to treat Long COVID](#)....

Leaving you stranded in a nightmare of chronic illnesses.

But here's the thing...

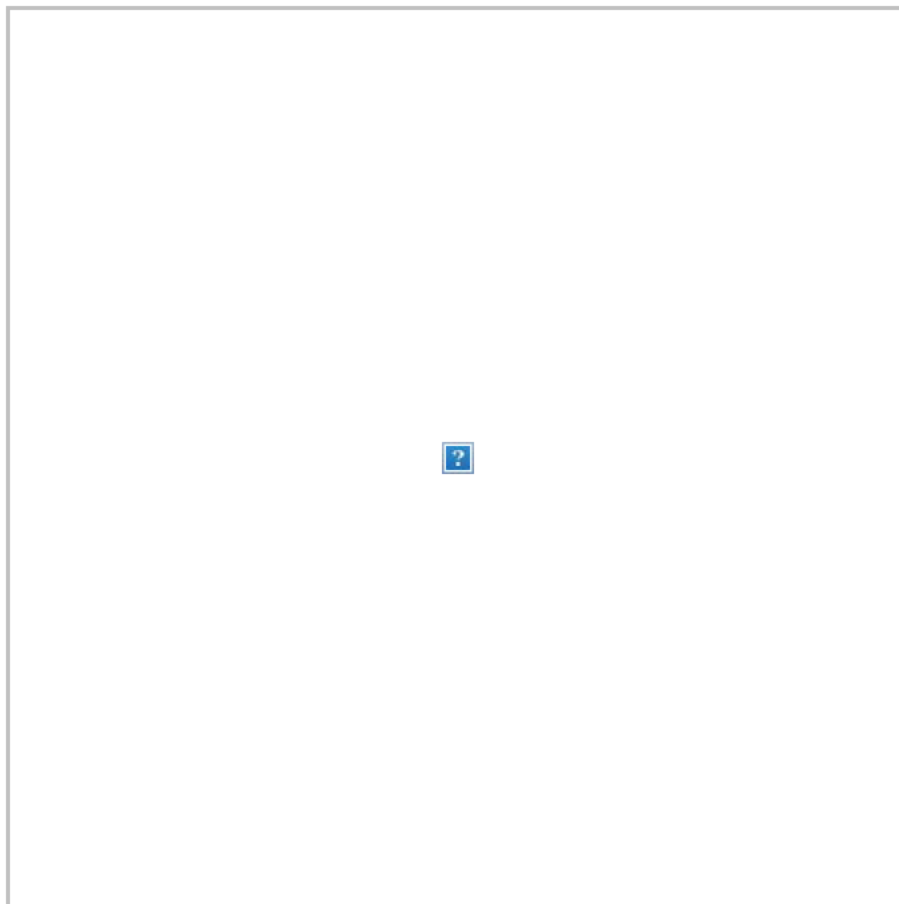
Just because the gvmt is silent on treatments that could actually give you the relief that you've been searching for...

It doesn't mean that there aren't protocols that you can follow to address the root cause.

This is why I'm SO excited to announce that...

I'll be hosting a **5-Day Live Challenge, Conquer Long**

C0VID...



Each day of the challenge, I'll be sharing a POWERFUL healing solution...

That our top experts and I have seen working to help people *finally* recover...

From life-impacting symptoms of Long C0VID and even vaxx injuries.

[>>> Click HERE to register for the 5-Day Live Challenge. Conquer Long C0VID!](#)

Live challenges like this are MUCH-NEEDED...

Because chronic diseases are on the rise, *especially* due to the

lingering effects of COVID-19.

Things are *really* spiraling out of control.

Not a lot of people *know* how to take control of their health...

Through holistic health protocols, should another “p@ndemic” happen...

We'll lose *more people* than we *ever* did before!

Here's a **quick rundown** of what you can expect from our **5-Day Live Challenge**:

- **Discover daily healing strategies specifically designed to address life-impacting symptoms of Long COVID and vaxx injuries.**
- Learn how to apply these healing solutions to fit your unique needs and circumstances for maximum effectiveness.
- **Hear inspiring testimonials from individuals who have successfully navigated their healing journeys, offering hope and motivation.**
- Walk away each day with practical tools and techniques you can implement immediately to support your healing process and improve your overall well-being.
- ***And So. Much. More!***

Save these IMPORTANT dates:

- **Date:** Monday, November 11th - Friday, November 15th,

2024

- **Time:** 4 PM ET daily

Our time together in this INCREDIBLE ***5-Day Live Challenge, Conquer Long COVID*** is going to be *electrifying...*

THIS is going to be life-changing!

I can't wait to see you make progress in your health in leaps and bounds.

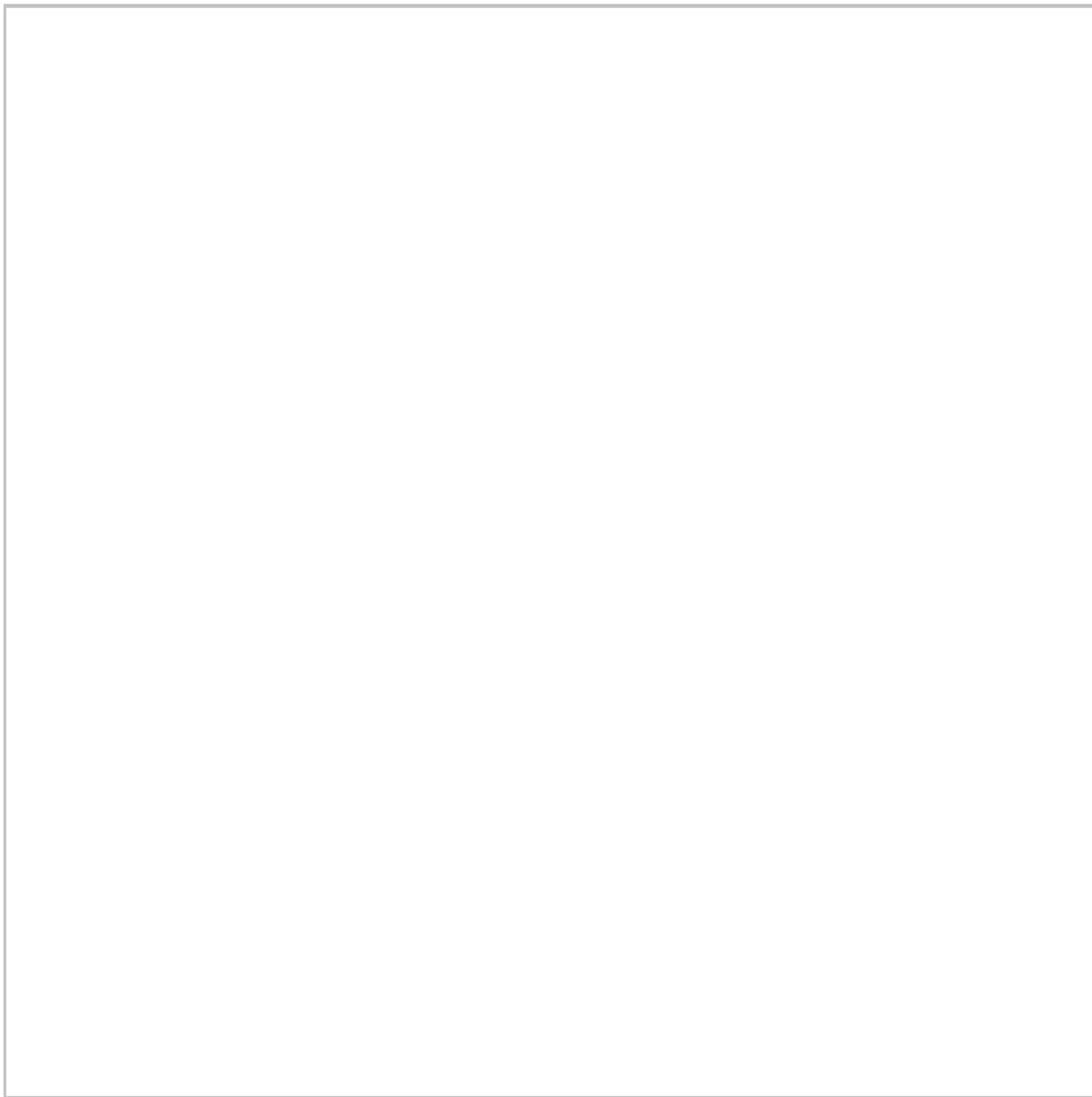
I'll see you on **Monday, November 11th at 4PM ET** sharp!

For the start of the ***5-Day Live Challenge, Conquer Long COVID!***

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To your health,

Jonathan Otto



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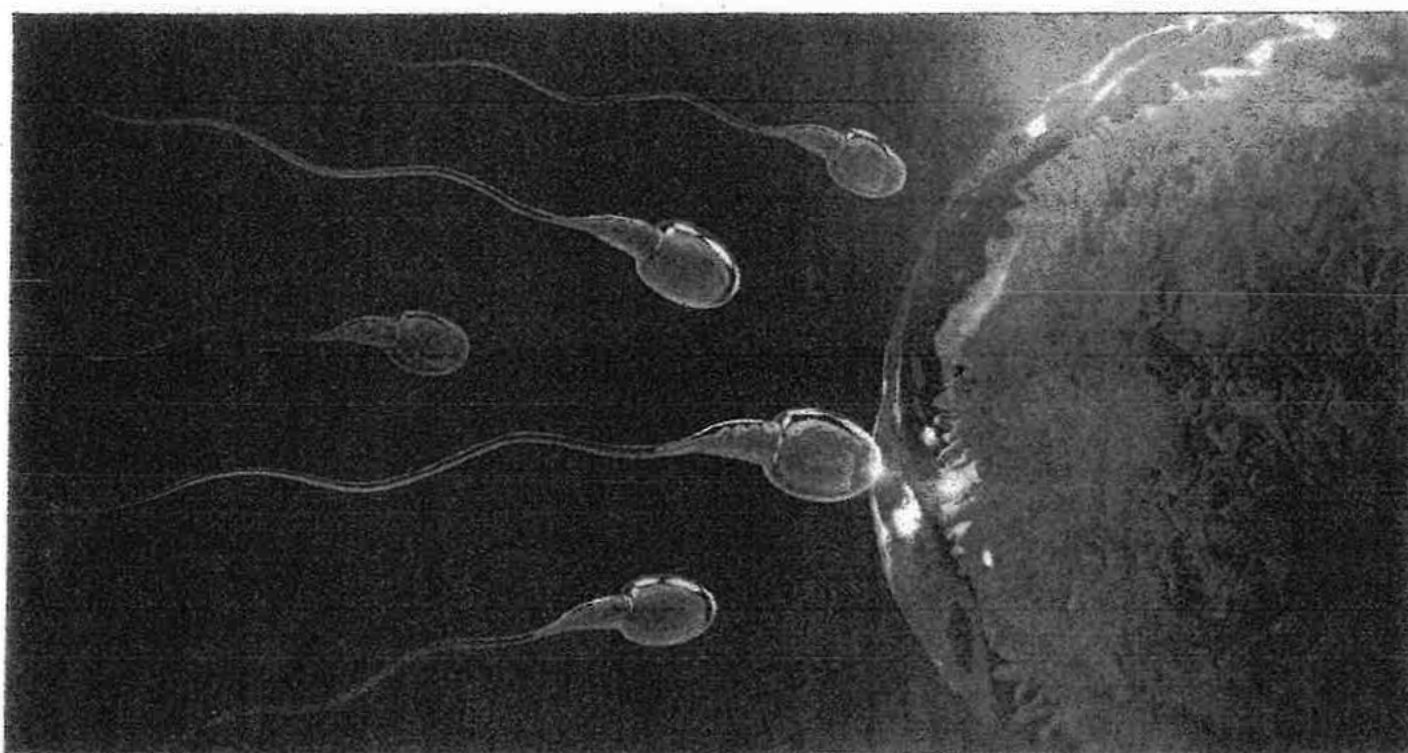
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Plummeting Sperm Counts, Shrinking Penises: Toxic Chemicals Threaten Humanity

In her new book, "Countdown," environmental and reproductive epidemiologist Shanna Swan predicts sperm counts could reach zero by 2045 thanks to hormone-disrupting chemicals that are "everywhere."

By Erin Brockovich

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The end of humankind? It may be coming sooner than we think, thanks to hormone-disrupting chemicals that are decimating fertility at an alarming rate around the globe.

A new book called "Countdown," by Shanna Swan, an environmental and reproductive epidemiologist at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, finds that sperm counts have dropped almost 60% since 1973.

Following the trajectory we are on, Swan's research suggests sperm counts could reach zero by 2045. Zero. Let that sink in. That would mean no babies. No reproduction. No more humans. Forgive me for asking: why isn't the UN calling an emergency meeting on this right now?

The chemicals to blame for this crisis are found in everything from plastic containers and food wrapping, to waterproof clothes and fragrances in cleaning products, to soaps and shampoos, to electronics and carpeting. Some of them, called PFAS, are known as "forever chemicals," because they don't break down in the environment or the human body. They just accumulate and accumulate — doing more and more damage, minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day. Now, it seems, humanity is reaching a breaking point.

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grandfather had. "The current state of reproductive affairs can't continue much longer without threatening human survival," writes Swan, adding: "It's a global existential crisis." That's not hyperbole. That's just science.

As if this wasn't terrifying enough, Swan's research finds that these chemicals aren't just dramatically reducing semen quality, they are also shrinking penis size and volume of the testes. This is nothing short of a full-scale emergency for humanity.

Swan's book echoes previous research, which has found that PFAS harms sperm production, disrupts the male hormone and is correlated to a "reduction of semen quality, testicular volume and penile length". These chemicals are literally confusing our bodies, making them send mixed messages and go haywire.

Given everything we know about these chemicals, why isn't more being done? Right now, there is a paltry patchwork of inadequate legislation responding to this threat. Laws and regulations vary from country to country, region to region, and, in the United States, state to state. The European Union, for example, has restricted several phthalates in toys and sets limits on phthalates considered "reprotoxic" — meaning they harm the human reproductive capacities — in food production.

In the U.S., a scientific study found phthalate exposure "widespread" in infants, and that the chemicals were found in the urine of babies who came into contact with baby shampoos, lotions and powders. Still, aggressive regulation is lacking, not least because of lobbying by chemical industry giants.

In the state of Washington, lawmakers managed to pass the Pollution Prevention for Our Future Act, which "directs state agencies to address classes of chemicals and moves away from a chemical by chemical approach, which has historically resulted in companies switching to equally bad or worse substitutes. The first chemical classes to be addressed in products include phthalates, PFAS, PCBs, alkylphenol ethoxylate and bisphenol compounds, and organohalogen flame retardants." The state has taken important steps to address the extent of chemical pollution, but by and large, the U.S., like many other countries, is fighting a losing battle because of weak, inadequate legislation.

In the U.S. today, for example, you can't eat the deer meat caught in Oscoda, Michigan, as the health department there issued a "do not eat" advisory for deer caught near the former air force base because of staggeringly high PFOS levels in the muscle of one deer.

And, just the other week, hundreds of residents who live near Luke Air Force Base in Arizona were advised not to drink their water when tests detected high levels of toxic chemicals. Scientists have found these substances in the blood of nearly all the people they tested in the U.S. No country or region on earth is untouched by PFAS contamination. It is a global problem. PFAS has been found in every corner of the globe. It is virtually present in the bodies of every human. It's found in fish deep in the sea, and birds flying high in the sky.

And it's killing us, literally, by harming and attacking the very source of life: our reproductive capacities. The rapid death and decline of sperm must be addressed, and it must be addressed now. There simply is no time to lose.

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Vascular and organ damage induced by mRNA vaccines: irrefutable proof of causality

Michael Palmer, MD and Sucharit Bhakdi, MD

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Abstract

This article summarizes evidence from experimental studies and from autopsies of patients deceased after vaccination. The collective findings demonstrate that

1. mRNA vaccines don't stay at the injection site but instead travel throughout the body and accumulate in various organs,
2. mRNA-based COVID vaccines induce long-lasting expression of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein in many organs,
3. vaccine-induced expression of the spike protein induces autoimmune-like inflammation,
4. vaccine-induced inflammation can cause grave organ damage, especially in vessels, sometimes with deadly outcome.

We note that the damage mechanism is which emerges from the autopsy studies is not limited to COVID-19 vaccines only but is completely general—it must be expected to occur similarly with mRNA vaccines against any and all infectious pathogens. This technology has failed and must be abandoned.

While clinical case reports (e.g. [1, 2]) and statistical analyses of accumulated adverse event reports (e.g. [3, 4]) provide valuable evidence of damage induced by mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines, it is important to establish a causal relationship in individual cases. Pathology remains the gold standard for proof of disease causation. This short paper will discuss some key findings on autopsy materials from patients who died within days to several months after vaccination. For context, some experimental studies are briefly discussed as well.

1 Most of the evidence presented here is from the work of pathologist Prof. Arne Burkhardt, MD

Prof. Burkhardt is a very experienced pathologist from Reutlingen, Germany. With the help of his colleague Prof. Walter Lang, he has studied numerous cases of death which occurred within days to several months after vaccination. In each of these cases, the cause of death had been certified as “natural” or “unknown.” Burkhardt became involved only because the bereaved families doubted these verdicts and sought a second opinion.

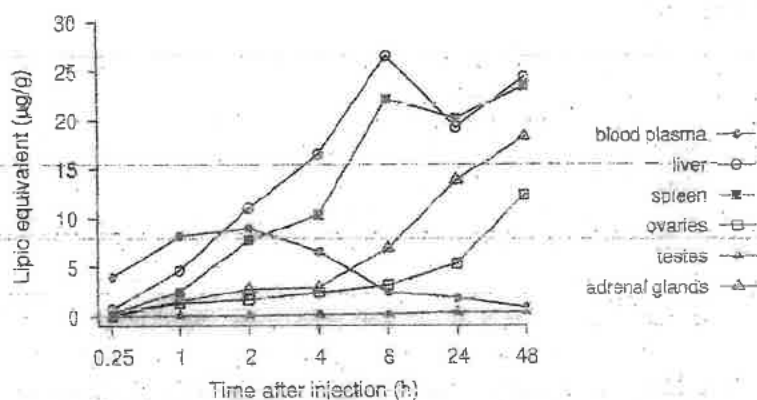
It is remarkable, therefore, that Burkhardt found not just a few but the majority of these deaths to be due to vaccination.

- Dr. Burkhardt was approached by the families of patients deceased after "vaccination"
- Autopsy materials were examined by standard histopathology and immunohistochemistry
- Based on the findings, most deaths were attributed to "vaccination" with a high to very high degree of likelihood



While all four major manufacturers of gene-based vaccines were represented in the sample of patients studied by Burkhardt and Lang, most patients had received an mRNA vaccine from either Pfizer or Moderna. Some of the deceased patients had received both mRNA- and viral vector-based vaccines on separate occasions.

2 Pfizer's own animal experiments show that the vaccine quickly distributes throughout the body



In order to cause potentially lethal damage, the mRNA vaccines must first distribute from the injection site to other organs. That such distribution occurs is apparent from animal experiments reported by Pfizer to Japanese authorities with its application for vaccine approval in that country [5]. Rats were injected intramuscularly with a radioactively labelled model mRNA vaccine, and the movement of the radiolabel first into the bloodstream and subsequently into various organs was followed for up to 48 hours.

The first thing to note is that the labelled vaccine shows up in the blood plasma after a very short time—within only a quarter of an hour. The plasma level peaks two hours after the injection. As it drops off, the model vaccine accumulates in several other organs. The fastest and highest rise is observed in the liver and the spleen. Very high uptake is also observed with the ovaries and the adrenal glands. Other organs (including the testes) take up significantly lower levels of the model vaccine. We note, however,

WHO declares that healthy children and teenagers do NOT need covid vaccines

Friday, March 31, 2023 by: Ethan Huff

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(Natural News) Now that the world is waking up to the dangers and uselessness of Wuhan coronavirus (Covid-19) "vaccines," the World Health Organization (WHO) is backing off in trying to push them, at least on children and teenagers.

New guidance posted on the WHO website states that young people likely do not need to get jabbed. This decision was made by WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization, also known as SAGE, which touted it as a "revised roadmap" for the future of covid shots.

There are now three priority groups for the jabs – high, medium, and low – that are based on the "risk of severe disease and death" when testing positive for the alleged virus. Children and teens are low-priority because they are considered to be low-risk for covid sickness or death.

The WHO made sure to emphasize that it still believes that young people should get "traditional essential vaccines" for things like rotavirus, measles, polio, and pneumococcal conjugate, which the United Nations body says will have a "greater impact."

(Related: In order to get covid jabs approved for young people, the FDA had to use a "critically flawed" risk-benefit analysis based on pseudoscience.)

WHO still wants babies, elderly to take covid injections and boosters

As for covid "booster" shots, the WHO is advising that only elderly people take these as well.

"Updated to reflect that much of the population is either vaccinated or previously infected with Covid-19, or both, the revised roadmap reemphasizes the importance of vaccinating those still at-risk of severe disease, mostly older adults and those with underlying conditions, including with additional boosters," said SAGE Chair Dr. Hanna Nohynek in a WHO press release posted to the agency's website.



"Countries should consider their specific context in deciding whether to continue vaccinating low-risk groups, like healthy children and adolescents, while not compromising the routine vaccines that are so crucial for the health and well-being of this age group."

Countries must consider factors such as "disease burden, cost-effectiveness, and other health or programmatic priorities and opportunity costs" when making decisions about how to respond to this new guidance, the WHO added.

Children and teenagers with compromised immune systems or preexisting health conditions are still advised by the WHO to get covid jabbed. Additionally, the WHO wants infants under the age of six months to get jabbed as well "due to the burden of severe Covid-19 effects," to quote *Fox News*.

Another group the WHO is still targeting is pregnant women, whom it claims have a high risk of catching covid and thus can still benefit from getting injected according to the recommended course.

Marc Siegel, a clinical professor medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center and a routine pro-pharma shill on *Fox* appeared on the network to tell viewers that just because the WHO decided to put children and teens into the low-priority category does not mean that parents should not still inject them just because.

"This change in prioritization is not the same thing as saying that they shouldn't have the covid vaccines," Siegel stated in desperation. "The question that has emerged recently is: how many covid shots is enough?"

Siegel did at least acknowledge that many young people already have natural immunity and are thus protected from covid and any other type of cold virus belonging to the coronavirus family.

"Natural immunity following infection must be included in counting immune protection, as well as the amount of covid still around," he clarified, adding that he still believes covid shots to be a "valuable tool" in warding off so-called "long covid."

Want to learn more about the dangers and ineffectiveness of Fauci Flu shots? You can do so at ChemicalViolence.com.

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Welcome to The Wrap for Tuesday, April 11!

From the newsroom at MeriTalk, it's the **quickest read in Federal tech news**.
Here's what you need to know today:

Zero Trust Maturity Model 2.0

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) today **published** an updated, **second version** of its **Zero Trust Maturity Model** that is guiding Federal agencies and other organizations along the path to adopting zero trust security architectures. The latest maturity models **benefits tremendously** from CISA's 18 months of experience in helping agencies start on the zero trust process, and features **an all-new fourth stage** in the maturity path that the agency said reflects the reality that "organizations begin their journey toward zero trust architectures **from different starting points.**"

COVID Emergency Ends

With more of a whimper than a bang, the **COVID-19 national emergency** put in place by President Trump in 2020 and sustained since then by President Biden **has ended** with Biden's **signing on Monday of legislation** to that effect approved by Congress last month. The related but separate COVID-19 **public health emergency is still in effect but is set to expire on May 11**. Termination of the national emergency ends some Federal health programs that came at the onset of the pandemic, but the larger impact will come with the termination of the public health emergency on May 11 – which will prompt complex changes in the cost of coronavirus tests and treatments.

Space Force Satellite Plans

The **U.S. Space Force** is developing approaches to address increasing demand for the **Satellite Control Network (SCN)**, but **lacks** an updated long-term sustainment plan for the network, according to a recent Government Accountability Office (GAO)

report. The SCN is a system of 19 globally distributed antennas that supports the launch and day-to-day control of U.S. government satellites, including defense and intelligence satellites. The last sustainment plan was issued **six years ago**, and while the network has seen changes since then, the **existing plan doesn't reflect those**, GAO said.

New Faces at GSA TTS

The General Services Administration (GSA) has **added** two new **top-level officials** to its **Technology Transformation Services (TTS)** organization this week - including **Mukunda Penugonde** as deputy director, and GSA Deputy Chief Financial Officer **Mehul Parekh** as senior advisor for TTS operations. Most recently, Penugonde served as the director for technical program management at Disney Streaming.

Latest Presidential Innovation Fellows

The General Services Administration (GSA) late Monday **announced** the **Presidential Innovation Fellows (PIF)** cohort for 2023, which includes a group of **20 private-sector technology and innovation leaders**. The fellows will begin a year of civic service experience at **13 Federal agencies** on April 17, helping optimize how the government works by modernizing citizen engagement efforts and enhancing the delivery of services to the public. **"We're thrilled to welcome these technologists and innovators** into government service. More than ever, federal agencies are looking to improve the digital experience of their customers, better leverage data, and enhance cybersecurity," said GSA Administrator **Robin Carnahan**.

Once again, let's **"call IT a day,"** but we'll bring you more tomorrow. Until then, please check the MeriTalk breaking news website throughout the day for the latest on government IT people, progress, and policy.

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Are you putting Monsanto in your vagina? 85% of tampons and feminine hygiene products contaminated with cancer-causing glyphosate herbicide

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Thursday, October 22, 2015 by Mike Adams, the Health Ranger

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(NaturalNews) In the late 1970s and early 1980s, over 50 American women were killed by their tampons. Although the FDA and the feminine hygiene industry have gone to tremendous lengths to try to memory hole this true history (and label it just a "rumor"), tampons made from certain non-natural fibers were found to harbor deadly bacteria and release a sufficient quantity of chemicals to kill or injure over a thousand women.

As the [Organic Consumers Association](#) has published:

The worst offenders were Procter and Gamble's ultra-absorbent Rely tampons. According to the book [Soap Opera: The Inside Story of Procter and Gamble](#), the company dismissed consumer complaints about the tampons for years. A 1975 company memo disclosed that Rely tampons contained known cancer-causing agents and that the product altered the natural organisms found in the vagina. Rely tampons were taken off the shelves in 1980, but many women claim they left a legacy of hysterectomies and loss of fertility.

Among health-conscious women, the toxicity of mainstream tampons has long been an issue of concern. "Just as I say heck no to Cottonseed oil, it is for the same reason I say heck no to sticking toxic cotton up into my nethers," writes [Meghan Telpner](#). "Did ya know that 84 million pounds of pesticides are sprayed on 14.4 million acres of conventional cotton grown each year in the US."

She continues:

The rayon/viscose used in Tampax is made from wood pulp. Last I checked, there were no such thing as rayon trees and trees don't magically turn into rayon- it takes hundreds of chemicals. The chlorine bleaching of wood pulp is where the greatest danger lies. The process creates chlorinated hydrocarbons, a hazardous group of chemicals with byproducts that includes dioxins, some of the most toxic substances known. Parts per million my cooch! There are no safe levels dioxins, they are impossible to break down and so keep building up in our tissues.

Now Monsanto's toxic herbicide has been found in 80% of feminine hygiene products

Fast forward to 2015. Now glyphosate, the chemical found in Monsanto's "RoundUp" herbicide used on genetically modified cotton crops, is being discovered in the vast majority of feminine hygiene products.

The research team from National University of La Plata headed by Damian Marino revealed their research findings last weekend. Note carefully that such research would **never be conducted in a U.S. university** because they've been infiltrated and bought off by Monsanto. Example: Discredited professor Kevin Folta at the University of Florida, who was caught receiving \$25,000 from Monsanto after publicly lying that he had no financial ties to the herbicide company. Even though Folta has been exhaustively exposed as a liar and a violator of university ethics, the University of Florida sees nothing wrong with such deceptions. Click here to read the secret letter where Monsanto agrees to pay him \$25,000.

"A team of Argentine scientists found traces of glyphosate in 85% of personal care and feminine hygiene products containing cotton and commonly purchased in drugstores and supermarkets," writes Revolution News.

"The study looked at a sampling of products from pharmacies and supermarkets in the area of La Plata, and analyzed cotton swabs, gauze and articles for feminine use. The results from all commercial products detected 85% glyphosate and 62% AMPA (metabolite or derivative of glyphosate). Almost 100% of the cotton produced in Argentina is transgenic and glyphosate applications are made while the cocoon is open."

Also reported by Revolution News:

"The report left us shocked," said Dr. Medardo Ávila Vázquez, a conference participant and from Cordoba.

"We had focused our attention on the presence of glyphosate in food, but did not think the products we use in all hospitals and health centers in the country to cure patients are contaminated with a carcinogenic product. The authorities must give an immediate response to this situation."

Glyphosate is known to cause cancer, but propagandists are paid to cover up the truth

Glyphosate is a known cancer-causing chemical. The World Health Organization has classified it as "probably carcinogenic," and many other studies clearly link it to an endocrine disruption process that leads to cancer.

The EPA conspired with Monsanto for decades to deceive the public into thinking glyphosate was harmless, even after knowing the molecule was extremely dangerous.

Forbes.com, named "America's most evil news publisher" by EVIL.news, has been instrumental in publishing Monsanto's propaganda via the corporation's paid professional propagandists such as Henry Miller and Jon Entine. Both have been exposed as "GMO mercenaries" who betray humanity and advocate the chemical poisoning of the world in exchange for money.

Glyphosate has even been found to promote cancer at parts per trillion concentrations, meaning that even low-level exposure from tampons might lead to deadly cancers in women. (The GMO industry says women who are concerned about GMOs are "anti-science" and too stupid to understand technology.)

It is inarguable that the human vagina readily absorbs chemicals found in tampons. When those tampons are made from GMO cotton -- the vast majority of cotton that's commercially grown -- they almost always contain glyphosate that gets absorbed through vaginal walls and enters the bloodstream.

This means that even beyond glyphosate contamination in food, women must now consider the possibility that they are being **poisoned from glyphosate in the vagina** via genetically modified cotton used in tampons and other hygiene products.

To all the bought-off female journalists who are pushing Monsanto's agenda -- like Tamar Haspel of the Monsanto-infiltrated Washington Post -- SHAME ON YOU for advancing the chemical industry's war on women.

Why you should only use organic feminine hygiene products

The only sure way to avoid GMOs in your vagina is to **source certified organic feminine hygiene products** made from organic cotton or other organic materials.

It's easy for consumers to forget that their blue jeans are made from GMO cotton saturated with glyphosate... or that the cotton gauze in their first aid kits are also made with GMO cotton and glyphosate. In fact, even cotton swabs and cotton balls are usually GMO.

So if you really want to stop putting Monsanto in your vagina (or your ears, nose and other place in your body), you'll need to meticulously source organic, non-GMO products for such needs.

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