



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor • Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

November 18, 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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State Legislative Agenda

(Approximately 30 minutes)

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager,
aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the State Legislative Agenda.

Councilmembers Paulsen and Hansen were absent from the workshop.

Comprehensive Plan Update

(Approximately 1.5 hours, to immediately follow the previous workshop)

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, Mark Person,
Senior Planner, rebecca.kennedy@cityofvancouver.us,
mark.person@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Councilmembers Paulsen and Hansen were absent from the workshop.

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

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

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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 Stober, Councilmember Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmember Paulsen

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to excuse Councilmember Paulsen. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - November 4, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the November 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Proclamations

Small Business Saturday

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Jerry Petrick, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Linda Glover, Certified Business Advisor, Vancouver's Downtown Association (VDA) Board President, and Shelby Franks, EVBA Communications Director, proclaiming November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Leeza Edwards, She/her, Vice-president of EVOKE Cascadia and Non-duality teacher, Remington "Remi" Ostermiller, He/Him, Digital Marketer, unaffiliated, and Loveita Morrison, Deputy Director of Odyssey World International Education Services, proclaiming November 20, 2024, as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Native American Heritage Day and Month

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Sam Robinson, Vice Chairman Chinook Indian Nation and Duana Ricks-Johnson, Colville/Lakes Tribal Member and MMIWUSA, proclaiming November 29, 2024, as Native American Cultural Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day.

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:

- *Jim Luce, Vancouver*
- *Mary Elkin, Vancouver*
- *Steve Herman, Vancouver*
- *Kevin Hart, Vancouver*
- *Elizabeth New, Vancouver*
- *Lila Harlan, Vancouver*
- *Peter Bracchi, Vancouver*
- *Rachel Trevino, Vancouver*

- *Matthew Trevino, Vancouver*
- *Rachel Ferraris, Vancouver*
- *Shannon Stamps, Vancouver*
- *Eric Wolf, Vancouver*
- *Marianne Moore, Vancouver*
- *Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver*
- *James Trenter, Vancouver*
- *Mary Cray, Vancouver*
- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

There being no further testimony, 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 6, 12, 14, 17, 18, 23, and 24 for discussion.

Council remanded Item 6 back to staff.

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1-5, and 7 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

City Council voted on Consent Agenda Items 8-25 individually.

1. Bid Award - Jefferson-Kauffman Realignment Project Per Bid #24-39 (Project # PRJ071247)

Staff Report: 228-24

Request: On November 18, 2024, award a construction contract for the Jefferson-Kauffman Realignment project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Midway Underground LLC, of Toledo, Washington, USA at their bid price of \$6,805,028.39, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the same.

Jessica Hild, Senior Civil Engineer, Hassan Abdalla, Engineering Manager, Jessica.Hild@cityofvancouver.us,
hassan.abdalla@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Bid Award - SE 34th Street Safety and Mobility Project, Per Bid #24-42 (Project #PRJ100889)

Staff Report: 229-24

Request: On November 18, 2024, award a construction contract for the SE 34th Street Safety and Mobility project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Advanced Excavating Specialists, LLC of Kelso, Washington, USA at their bid price of \$1,049,470.00, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the same.

Jessica Hild, Senior Civil Engineer, Hassan Abdalla, Engineering Manager, Jessica.Hild@cityofvancouver.us, hassan.abdalla@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Contract Amendment - Washington State Government Relations Contract with Arbutus Consulting LLC, C-100454

Staff Report: 230-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager or designee to increase the contract by \$82,000 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$415,500, and amend the end date of the contract to August 31, 2025.

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

4. Interlocal Agreement – Between the City of Vancouver and the Clark County Emergency Medical Services District #2 for the Provision of Ambulance Transport

Staff Report: 231-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the interlocal agreement (“Interlocal Agreement”) between the City and EMSD2 for the provision of ambulance transport services with a term of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Brennan Blue, Fire Chief, Michelle Bresee, Senior Management Analyst, brennan.blue@cityofvancouver.us, michelle.bresee@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

5. Approval of Vancouver Housing Authority Bond for Cascara Apartments

A RESOLUTION providing approval solely for purposes of section 147(f) of the internal revenue code, of the issuance of revenue obligations by the Housing Authority of the City of Vancouver in the principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000, to finance the acquisition of a multifamily housing project to provide housing for low-income persons.

Staff Report: 232-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, adopt a resolution providing approval solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue code, of the issuance of revenue obligations by the Housing Authority of the City of Vancouver for the purchase of Cascara Apartments.

Samantha Whitley, Housing Programs Manager, Hayley Woodbridge, Associate Housing Project Coordinator,
samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us,
hayley.woodbridge@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4307 to approve the request.

6. Resolution Updating Boundaries of the Vancouver Arts District

A RESOLUTION relating to the expansion of the Vancouver Arts District.

Staff Report: 233-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, approve a Resolution updating boundaries of the Vancouver Arts District.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Council remanded the Item back to staff and asked to have the item brought back on the December 2, 2024, Council Agenda.

7. Resolution of Minor Adjustments to the City's Financial Policies

A RESOLUTION adopting and modifying certain City of Vancouver Financial Policies.

Staff Report: 234-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, approve the attached Resolution and the accompanying updated City Financial Policies.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4308 to approve the request.

8. Right-of-way Vacation – SE 194th Avenue

A RESOLUTION fixing December 9, 2024, as the date for a public hearing on a proposal to vacate public right-of-way associated with SE 194th Avenue, on the north side of the SE 13th Street right-of-way, located within the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 East, Willamette Meridian, City of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington.

AN ORDINANCE vacating the right-of-way associated with SE 194th Avenue, on the north side of the SE 13th Street right-of-way, located within the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 East, Willamette Meridian, City of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, described more particularly in Exhibit A; and providing for an effective date.

Staff Report: 235-24

Request: On November 18, 2024, adopt a resolution of intent and advance the ordinance on first reading to vacate a portion of public right-of-way associated with SE 194th Avenue located within the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 East, Willamette Meridian, setting the date for a public hearing and second ordinance reading on December 9, 2024.

Ryan Lopossa, Streets and Transportation Manager,
ryan.lopossa@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 8 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

Motion adopted Resolution M-4309 to approve the request.

9. Telecommunications Commission Meeting Schedule Amendment

AN ORDINANCE amending Vancouver Municipal Code 5.19.310 to change the number of required annual meetings of the Vancouver Clark Telecommunications Commission (VCTC); to provide clarity to other existing provisions; to provide for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 236-24

Request: On November 18, 2024, advance ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager,
aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 9 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

10. Ordinance for Multifamily Tax Exemption - Fourth Plain Target Area Boundary Amendment

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to changes to the City's Multi-Family Housing Tax Exemption Program (MFTE); adopting corrections to the Fourth Plain Target Area Boundary amending Section 3.22.030, of the Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC); providing for severability; and setting an immediate effective date.

Staff Report: 237-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance, expanding the boundary of the Fourth Plain residential target area of the multifamily tax exemption program on first reading, setting the date of second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator,
bryan.monroe@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 10 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

11. Ordinance Updating Vancouver's Tax Administration Code

AN ORDINANCE relating to tax administration; adding a new chapter 5.01 to the Vancouver Municipal Code; enacting new sections 5.01.010, 5.01.015, 5.01.020, 5.01.040, 5.01.050, 5.01.060, 5.01.070, 5.01.080, 5.01.090, 5.01.095, 5.01.100, 5.01.110, 5.01.120, 5.01.130, 5.01.140, 5.01.160, 5.01.170, 5.01.180, 5.01.190, 5.01.200, 5.01.210, 5.01.220, 5.01.240, 5.01.250, 5.01.260; repealing sections 5.04.100, 5.04.150, 5.04.155, 5.04.160, 5.04.170, 5.04.180, 5.04.190, 5.04.200, 5.04.210, 5.04.220, 5.04.230, 5.04.240, 5.04.250, 5.87.010, 5.87.020, 5.87.030, 5.87.040, 5.87.050, 5.87.060, 5.87.070, 5.87.080, 5.87.090, 5.87.100, 5.87.110, and 5.87.120; and providing for savings, severability and effective date.

Staff Report: 238-24

Request: On November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of December 2, 2024, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 11 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

12. Ordinance Establishing a Business & Occupation Tax on Retail to Fund Homeless Bridge Shelter

AN ORDINANCE relating to business and occupation tax for revenue; adding a new chapter 5.03 to the Vancouver Municipal Code; enacting new sections VMC 5.03.010, 5.03.020, 5.03.028, 5.03.030, 5.03.050, 5.03.070, 5.03.076, 5.03.077, 5.03.078, 5.03.079, 5.03.100, 5.03.120, and 5.03.130; repealing sections 5.04.021, 5.04.030, 5.04.031, 5.04.032, 5.04.050, and 5.04.060; amending the title of chapter 5.04 of the Vancouver Municipal Code; and providing for savings, severability, referendum, and an effective date.

Staff Report: 239-24

Request: On November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of December 2, 2024, for second reading and public hearing.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 5, No: 1, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 12 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen. Councilmember Hansen voted No.

Motion approved the request.

13. Ordinance for Utility Licenses & Taxes

AN ORDINANCE relating to utility taxes; adding a new chapter 5.10 to the Vancouver Municipal Code; enacting new sections VMC 5.10.010, 5.10.020, 5.10.030, 5.10.040, 5.10.045, 5.10.050, 5.10.060, 5.10.070, 5.10.080, 5.10.090, 5.10.100; repealing VMC sections 5.68.010, 5.68.020, 5.68.030, 5.68.040, 5.68.050, 5.68.055, 5.68.100, 5.68.110, 5.88.010, 5.88.020, 5.88.030, 5.88.035, 5.88.040, 5.88.050, 5.88.075, 5.88.100, 5.92.010, 5.92.020, 5.92.030, 5.92.040, 5.93.010, 5.93.010, 5.94.010, 5.94.020, 5.94.030, 5.94.040, 5.94.080, 5.96.010, 5.96.020, 5.96.030, 5.96.040, 5.96.090; and providing for savings, severability, referendum, and an effective date.

Staff Report: 240-24

Request: On November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading and set a date of December 2, 2024, for second reading and public hearing.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

An amendment to Item 13 to change the Ordinance title due to a clerical error was approved. The Ordinance title showed 5.93.010 twice. The Ordinance title was amended to show the addition of 5.93.030.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to amend Item 13 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 13 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

14. Ordinance Implementing Admissions Tax

AN ORDINANCE relating to admissions taxes; adding a new chapter 5.90 to the Vancouver Municipal Code; enacting new sections VMC 5.90.010, 5.90.020, 5.90.030, 5.90.040, 5.90.050, 5.90.060, 5.90.070, 5.90.080, 5.90.090, 5.90.100; providing for severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 241-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 5, No: 1, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 14 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen. Councilmember Hansen voted No.

Motion approved the request.

15. Ordinance Implementing Parking Tax

AN ORDINANCE relating to parking taxes; adding a new chapter 5.07 to VMC; enacting new sections VMC 5.07.010, 5.07.020, 5.07.030, 5.07.040, 5.07.050, 5.07.060; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 242-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 15 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

16. Ordinance for Assumption of Costs for Electronic Payments by Customers

AN ORDINANCE relating to electronic payment fees; amending VMC 3.08.065; providing for severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 243-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 16 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

17. Ordinance Creating Vancouver Cultural Access Program and Cultural Access Sales Tax

AN ORDINANCE relating to a Vancouver Cultural Access Program; adding a new chapter 3.45 to the Vancouver Municipal Code; enacting new sections 3.45.010, 3.45.020, 3.45.030, 3.45.040, and 3.45.050; providing for severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 244-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 5, No: 1, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 17 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen. Councilmember Hansen voted No.

Motion approved the request.

18. Ordinance Increasing Fees for Special Licensing

AN ORDINANCE relating to special license fees for Carnivals and Traveling Shows (ch. 5.18 VMC), Food Vendors (ch. 5.34 VMC), Bill Posting and Distribution of Handbills (ch. 5.38 VMC), Secondhand Dealers (ch. 5.46 VMC), Pawnbrokers (ch. 5.48 VMC), Peddlers, Solicitors, and Canvassers (ch. 5.50 VMC), Motion

Picture Shows and Theaters (ch. 5.54 VMC), Collection of Recyclable Materials (ch. 5.62 VMC), Taxi & Transportation Network Companies (ch. 5.76 VMC), Ambulances (ch. 5.85 VMC), and Tow Truck Operators (ch. 5.86 VMC); amending VMC 5.18.040, 5.34.040, 5.38.010, 5.46.070, 5.48.020, 5.50.040, 5.50.060, 5.54.010, 5.62.020, 5.76.225, 5.85.100, 5.86.100; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 245-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 4, No: 2, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 18 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen. Councilmembers Fox and Hansen voted No.

Motion approved the request.

19. Ordinance Amending VMC 20.180.060, Planning Fees, to Add Certain Land Use Review Fees and Adjust Other Certain Existing Land Use Review Fees, Consistent with the Council's Direction to Appropriately Set and Collect Fees for Services, with Said Changes to be Effective January 1, 2025

AN ORDINANCE relating to plan review fees adding several new fees and adjusting other existing fees to bring them closer in line with fees for services; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 246-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance and approve the attached Planning Fee Changes, to be effective January 1, 2025, setting second reading and a public hearing on December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 19 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

20. Ordinance Updating to the Vancouver Municipal Code Sections 14.04.210, 14.04.230, and 14.09.060 for Water, Sewer and Surface Water Proposed Utility Rate Changes for 2025 and 2026

AN ORDINANCE related to the water, sewer and surface water utility user rates, amending Vancouver Municipal Code sections 14.04.210, 14.04.230, and 14.09.060; and providing for savings, severability, and an effective date.

Staff Report: 247-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the proposed ordinance and amend the Vancouver Municipal Code sections 14.04.210, 14.04.230, and 14.09.060 on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing on December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 20 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

21. Ordinance Amending VMC Title 16, Pertaining to Fire-Related Construction Permits and Fire Code Operational Permits, Fire Protection System Reviews, Consistent with the Council's Direction to Appropriately Set and Collect Fees for Services, with Said Changes to be Effective January 1, 2025

AN ORDINANCE relating to amendments to the Fire Code to consolidate the development review standards and fire code requirements, to bring the ordinance more closely into alignment with the Washington State Fire Code, to clarify the reasonable right of entry process for non-responsive parties for commercial fire and life safety inspections, to provide for limited technical assistance fire review, to streamline and clearly outline the process for special hazards, and provide general code cleanup; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 248-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance and adopt the attached VMC Title 16 amendments, to be effective January 1, 2025, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 21 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

22. Ordinance Amending VMC Title 17, Pertaining to Fire-Related Construction Permits and Fire Code Operational Permits, Fire Protection System Reviews, Consistent with the Council's Direction to Appropriately Set and Collect Fees for Services, with Said Changes to be Effective January 1, 2025

AN ORDINANCE relating to the adjustment of existing fees to more accurately align with the programs cost recovery goals, adding several new fees to reflect evolving technology and more accurately capture staff time for project related review, including technical assistance review and providing for limited expedited permit review; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 249-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance and adopt the attached VMC Title 17 amendments, to be effective January 1, 2025, setting the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 22 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

23. 2025-2026 City of Vancouver Biennial Operating and Capital Budget

AN ORDINANCE relating to and adopting the budget for the City of Vancouver for the 2025-2026 fiscal biennium; providing for ratification and for an effective date.

Staff Report: 250-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, approve ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, December 2.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 5, No: 1, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 23 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen. Councilmember Hansen voted No.

Motion approved the request.

24. Vancouver Food Carts Mixed Use Master Plan

AN ORDINANCE rendering findings and issuing a decision on a proposed mixed use master plan and a Phase 1 site plan with zone change, located at 4906 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver, Washington; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 251-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and quasi-judicial public hearing for December 2, 2024.

Kristian Corbin, Senior Planner, kristian.corbin@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 24 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Motion approved the request.

25. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for November 18, 2024.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$20,320,262.13.

Motion by Councilmember Harless, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and

Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 25 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Public Hearings

The following item(s) are scheduled for public hearing. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Unless otherwise announced by the Presiding Officer, speakers are to limit their testimony to three minutes for each public hearing.

26. Ordinance for Proposed Amendments to Chapter 5.85 of the Vancouver Municipal Code, Business Licenses and Regulations: Ambulances

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to the amendment of ambulance services regulations set forth in the Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 5.85, amending VMC Sections 5.85.020, 5.85.040, 5.85.050, 5.85.130, 5.85.140, 5.85.150 and 5.85.160, and setting an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Staff Report: 223-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, upon second reading and a public hearing, approve the ordinance to approve amendments to Chapter 5.85 of the Vancouver Municipal Code ("VMC"), effective January 1, 2025.

Michelle Bresee, Senior Management Analyst,
michelle.bresee@cityofvancouver.us

Anthony Glenn, Treasurer, provided an overview of the Ordinance for Proposed Amendments to Chapter 5.85 of the Vancouver Municipal Code, Business Licenses and Regulations: Ambulances.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

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

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4468. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

27. Property Tax Levy for 2025

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual property tax levy; authorizing an increase of 1.0% in the City's regular levy from the amount levied the previous year; and providing for an effective date.

Staff Report: 224-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, upon second reading and a public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Anthony Glenn, Treasurer, provided an overview of the Property Tax Levy for 2025.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

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

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

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

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4469. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

28. Property Tax Affordable Housing Levy for 2025

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual property tax levy; authorizing an increase of 0.0% in the City's Affordable Housing Fund levy from the amount levied the previous year; and providing for an effective date.

Staff Report: 225-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, upon second reading and a public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Anthony Glenn, Treasurer, provided an overview of the Property Tax Affordable Housing Levy for 2025.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

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

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

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

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4470. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

29. Ad Valorem Taxes for 2025

AN ORDINANCE fixing and levying the amount of ad valorem taxes necessary to balance estimated revenue with estimated expenditures for the 2025/2026 Budget for the City of Vancouver; providing for alternative levies depending on whether Proposition No. 4 is approved or rejected by the registered voters of the City of Vancouver; and providing for an effective date.

Staff Report: 226-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, upon second reading and a public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Anthony Glenn, Treasurer, provided an overview of the Ad Valorem Taxes for 2025.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

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

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

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

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4471. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

30. Preservation of Levy Capacity for Exempt Property for 2025

AN ORDINANCE authorizing an increase in tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and an increase in limit factor for maximum levy capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.092.

Staff Report: 227-24

Request: On Monday, November 18, 2024, upon second reading and a public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Anthony Glenn, Treasurer, provided an overview of the Preservation of Levy Capacity for Exempt Property for 2025.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

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

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4472. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

2025 Clark County Transportation Alliance Policy Statement

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, discussed the 2025 Clark County Transportation Alliance Policy Statement.

Adjournment

9:20 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: Letter for council meeting tonight.
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:25:54 PM

From: Kerri Altom [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:10 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Letter for council meeting tonight.

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Hi, Sarah.

I had problems trying to submit this letter for the council meeting tonight. For some reason the form submission option wasn't working for me. If you are able to accept this letter via email, I would really appreciate it.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reply via email here or call me at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank you, Kerri

Subject: Support for Full Funding of Watershed Alliance in 2025 Budget

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued full funding of the Watershed Alliance in Vancouver's 2025 budget. The Watershed Alliance not only plays a vital role in supporting the city's climate action goals but is also an essential part of our community's fabric.

Our community is deeply dependent on a healthy watershed, which underpins nearly every aspect of life in Vancouver. Clean and healthy waterways are crucial for our health, economy, and education, and they help shape the values and identity of our city. With the recent development of the waterfront and upcoming port projects, the work of the Watershed Alliance is more essential than ever.

Beyond the measurable impacts of their work, the Watershed Alliance provides invaluable leadership and institutional memory. Their network of partnerships, ongoing community services, and long-standing events and traditions contribute to a sense of community cohesion and continuity that cannot be easily replaced. Any funding cuts would risk the loss of these contributions, outweighing any potential financial savings.

I urge you to explore other options to ensure the continued full funding of the Watershed Alliance, supporting our shared goals for a resilient, healthy, and engaged Vancouver.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kerri Altom
Vancouver Resident

Kerri Altom

Founder & CEO | RISE Media Group | The RISE Way ®



Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission

November 7, 2024

Vancouver City Council
PO Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668

Re: Cultural Access Funding

Dear Members of the Vancouver City Council,

On behalf of the Culture, Arts, and Heritage Commission, I am writing to express our strong support for the passage of Cultural Access Funding in the 2024-2025 City of Vancouver budget. This funding initiative is a vital step toward enhancing access to rich arts, culture, and history experiences for all residents of Vancouver and supporting members of this community who have dedicated years to this work.

We are particularly excited about the transformative impact this funding will have on local arts, culture, and heritage organizations. By providing these essential resources, we can help ensure that every resident has the opportunity to engage with and benefit from the rich cultural offerings in our community. Access to arts, culture, and history is not just about enjoyment; it plays a crucial role in fostering social cohesion, inspiring creativity, and enhancing the quality of life for everyone.

Beyond these cultural and social benefits, it is important to recognize the significant economic impact of the creative economy on our city. Supporting the creative sector drives local job creation, strengthens small businesses, and attracts tourism—all essential components of a resilient and vibrant economy. Investments in arts, culture and history enhance Vancouver's competitive advantage, helping to retain talented individuals and drawing new businesses to the region. Creative industries generate substantial revenue, and each dollar spent within this sector circulates through our local economy, stimulating additional growth and spending across other sectors.

Members

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Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

P.O. Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668
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The Commission is eager to work with the City Council to determine the most effective distribution model for this funding. We understand that a thoughtful allocation strategy is essential, encompassing grants, transportation support, administrative costs, and capital investments. By collaborating on this initiative, we can ensure that the funding is utilized in a way that maximizes its impact and reaches those who need it most.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing the arts, culture, and history in Vancouver. We look forward to partnering with you on this important initiative and to making a lasting difference for our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Richardson", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brad Richardson
President
City of Vancouver Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission

From: [Peter Bracco](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: [Wood pick up & bridge removal, Bridge Creek/Ellen Davis Trail](#)
Date: [Friday, November 12, 2021 10:45 AM](#)

From: PETER BRACCO
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 10:45 AM
To: 'HART Team' <thartteam@cityofvancouver.us>; City Council <ccouncil@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <OCM@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Council 11/18 Wood pick up & bridge removal, Bridge Creek/Ellen Davis Trail

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Good morning,
After the city cleaned up a camp the bank of Burnt Bridge Creek there is still a bunch of scattered wood and a bridge which presents a safety hazard to humans and both animals attempting to cross the water on this wood structure.
The wood has a good possibility that is going to end up floating down Burnt Bridge Creek. Also, if this wood has been pressure treated, presents a hazard to the environment.
Please remove all discarded wood and deconstruct and remove the bridge for safety purposes and the environmental protection of the water.
This location is right off the Ellen Davis Trail see the attached map in the photo.



Thanks Peter

From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 11/18 City Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:13:17 AM

From: Jean M. Avery [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:29 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Public Comment for 11/18 City Council Meeting

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To Madam Mayor and City Council:

I would like to follow up on my earlier comments regarding Vancouver's nature-based programs.

First, thank you for funding The Watershed Alliance and Columbia Springs -- at least for one more year. Thank you for listening to the public's concerns.

The future of other nature-based programs may still be undecided. So, again I ask:

- Please continue the **50+ Hiking** program. As a hiker and a hike leader, I believe this program is an outstanding offering through Parks and Rec.
- Please continue the **NatureSpaces** program. As a volunteer, I can report amazing outcomes.
- Please continue to fund **AmeriCorps** workers. Their contributions far exceed their modest stipends.

The weighty decisions during this budget cycle will have significant impacts. Thank you for your service to our City.

Jean M. Avery
Vancouver

From: [Leigh Wyenberg](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: City league ADULT sports ...
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 1:44:13 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I'm 46 years old mom of 4 kids 16, 9 & 6 to twins. I love to play sports. It's a way that allows me & my friends to get the mental health break from being moms & other life challenges.

I've recently heard you are talking about canceling adult league sports. Please DO NOT do that. There are so many that need this safe & healthy outlet. Taking it away will add so much more stresses on individuals & families.

Please I ask you hear my voice one from the public not congress or whatever but me a real human. I thank you kindly.

Leigh Wyenberg
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Callie DeBoer](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Adult Sport Leagues
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:21:57 PM

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Greetings,

Please consider this email as a plea to maintain City League Sports for a multitude of reasons. As a current participant in Women's City League volleyball and a past participant in Co-Ed softball and kickball, I can attest to the significance of these league activities and that I genuinely look forward to each season. I literally planned my recent knee surgery around the upcoming volleyball season at Marshall Center. They provide an excellent opportunity to gather friends and our communities, fostering strong bonds on and off the court and field along with promoting physical health.

In the same vein, I would like to extend this sentiment to all City League adult sports. These leagues bring immense joy and a sense of community to many individuals, and I strongly urge you to continue supporting them.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,
Callie White

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mysti paullin](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Volleyball league for adults
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 12:55:48 PM

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Please do not get rid of adult league. It means so much to so many of us to have any actual league we can play in. They offer club for kids and such and those that need this for mental health to get with adults and play a sport and feel they are still a part of something is so important. Do not be the cruel killer of ending this for so many of us that NEED city league. Drop in is not enough. We need to compete. To play competitive. Please don't take this from us.

Sincerely

Mysti Paullin

From: [Yasamin Azarbin](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: City League Sports
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 12:37:01 PM

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Greetings,

Please consider this email as a plea to maintain City League Sports for a multitude of reasons. As a personal participant in both Co- Ed and women's City League softball, I can attest to the significance of these leagues as one of the few outdoor activities I genuinely look forward to each season. They provide an excellent opportunity to gather friends and our communities, fostering strong bonds on and off the field.

In the same vein, I would like to extend this sentiment to City League volleyball at Marshall Center. These leagues bring immense joy and a sense of community to many individuals, and I urge you to continue supporting them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Yasamin

From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Council 11/18 Camps next Public Trail & Public Safety - Need space to Yield to Emergency Vehicles / Fast Bicycles
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 4:49:40 PM

From: PETER BRACCHI <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 3:37 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Council 11/18 Camps next Public Trail & Public Safety - Need space to Yield to Emergency Vehicles / Fast Bicycles

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Hi Mayor and council members,

Homeless Camps are right next to the Burnt Bridge Creek trail and this presents a public safety issue.

The Trail is shared by the Public, City Workers, City Vehicles, BPA, VFD, and VPD, Ambulance, Talking Trash etc.

People walk, run, ride bikes, some have dogs, some have baby strollers.

When Camps are right next the the TRIAL this leaves little space for People to Yield to Others or Emergency Vehicles.

For the Safety of the Public, Can there be a Setback of Camps Sites at the City Sponsored Campsites from the Public Trail along Burnt Bridge Creek and Andresen Road ?



From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Vancouver Proposed 2025-26 Budget
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 10:53:56 AM

From: Lloyd Goodlett [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 10:43 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Proposed Vancouver Proposed 2025-26 Budget

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To; Vancouver City Council
Subject: Proposed 2025-26 Budget changes for the Forever Young Hiker's program
From: Lloyd Goodlett

I am writing this in the hope of your reconsideration to the proposed budget changes to the Forever Young Hikers program. I am specifically referring to the elimination of the two vans and the elimination of the Senior Recreation Specialist position.

I am fearful that these changes will have a serious, long-term, negative impact on the success of this program. Hikers like the convenience of van rides, the opportunity to have meaningful fellowship, and develop a network of fellow hikers. I am also concerned about the loss of a strong, supportive, City hiking advocate. And, I have an additional concern regarding any proposed increased hiking fees. Too high, and the hikers will just develop their own network and carpooling arrangement, and drop out of the City's program.

I conclude with a paragraph that was included in a letter that I sent to the City when it was considering the future of the Forever Young Hiker's program after Covid 19. I wrote:

"I would not be the experienced hiker that I am today, without the City's Forever Young Hiker's Program. I wholeheartedly endorse it and believe it is an essential program for seniors in Clark County who want exercise, and enjoy the outdoors. We seniors are continually reminded of the benefits of remaining active, being engaged in the community and making new friendships. Forever Young hikers fulfills these objectives; and after enrolling, all one needs to do is to show up Tuesday mornings prepared to hike."

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively,

Lloyd Goodlett

From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Written comment - budget
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 3:28:49 PM

From: City of Vancouver, WA <noreply@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 3:27 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council

Contact the City Council

Name
Elizabeth Bier
Email
Address
United States Map It
Subject
Share an Opinion of a City project or Initiative
Choose Recipient
All the Council
Message
Please do not cut the Forever Young (age 50+) hiking group program from Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services. The Tuesday van hikes are especially important to me. These hikes give me the opportunity to exercise while doing something I love, in a way that is safe (because I am not hiking by myself). In addition to exercise, the hikes develop camaraderie in an outdoor setting in nature, which is good for the soul; this helps contribute to good mental health. The number of hikers has already been limited due to the loss of a van; please do not cut this important activity completely.

From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Public testimony for council meeting
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 10:09:50 AM

From: Tia Kauffman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 10:00 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Public testimony for council meeting

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Dear Vancouver city council,

I live on W 16th between Franklin and Grant with my husband and 2 children, aged 6 and 12. As you are readily aware, our quality of life has been dramatically negatively impacted by the ever growing camps along the sound wall. I was dismayed today to see today a city hired contractor placing port-a-potties in the alcoves at Grant, Harney, and Markle. This is in direct contradiction to the signs posted stating there is a complete clear on November 20, with clear direction that campers are required to engage with community services.

While we purchased our home in 2014, we have lived in it since October 2020. The camps have been an issue since then, but the danger has dramatically increased over the last year or so. My children can no longer play outside. I'm calling 311 or 911 regularly due to a variety of dangers (screaming fights, weapons, drug dealing) and I have stopped calling for more minor offenses because no one comes, including for the possible dead person on the sidewalk I reported several weeks ago. He was there for 6+ hours with no police response. I cannot live safely in my own home, because things are stolen. I've had uncountable encounters with mentally ill camp folks in the last few years while I am out walking and minding my own business. I'm on constant alert when out gardening with my children, due to the unhoused folks erratic and unsafe behavior, including leaving used needles in our yard.

Please permanently clean the camp. Four years of being unable to feel safe in our own homes is more than our share of the burden. Given the increasing services (garbage clean up, daily food deliveries, and now port-a-potties) there is no incentive for these individuals to clean up their lives and follow the rules of society. I implore you to make the sound wall from Daniels to the railroad a no camping zone. It would be great to turn it into a garden space, which the neighbors have agreed to organize and maintain if they city could keep campers swept. Please allow our children to play safely in their own neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Tia Kauffman

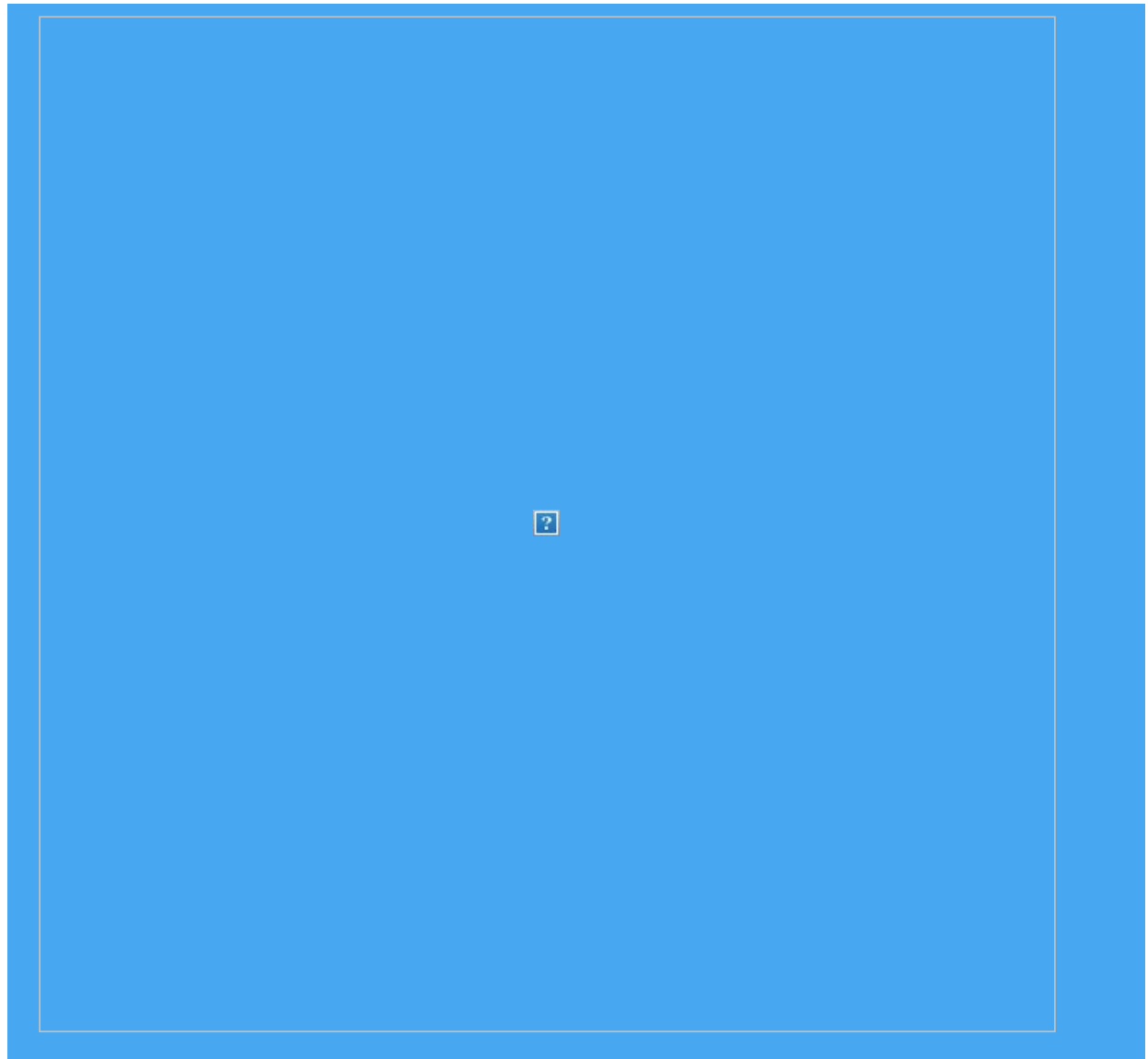
From: [Wynn Grich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Fwd: Tonight on the Moms Connect Call - November 4, 2024
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:43:46 PM

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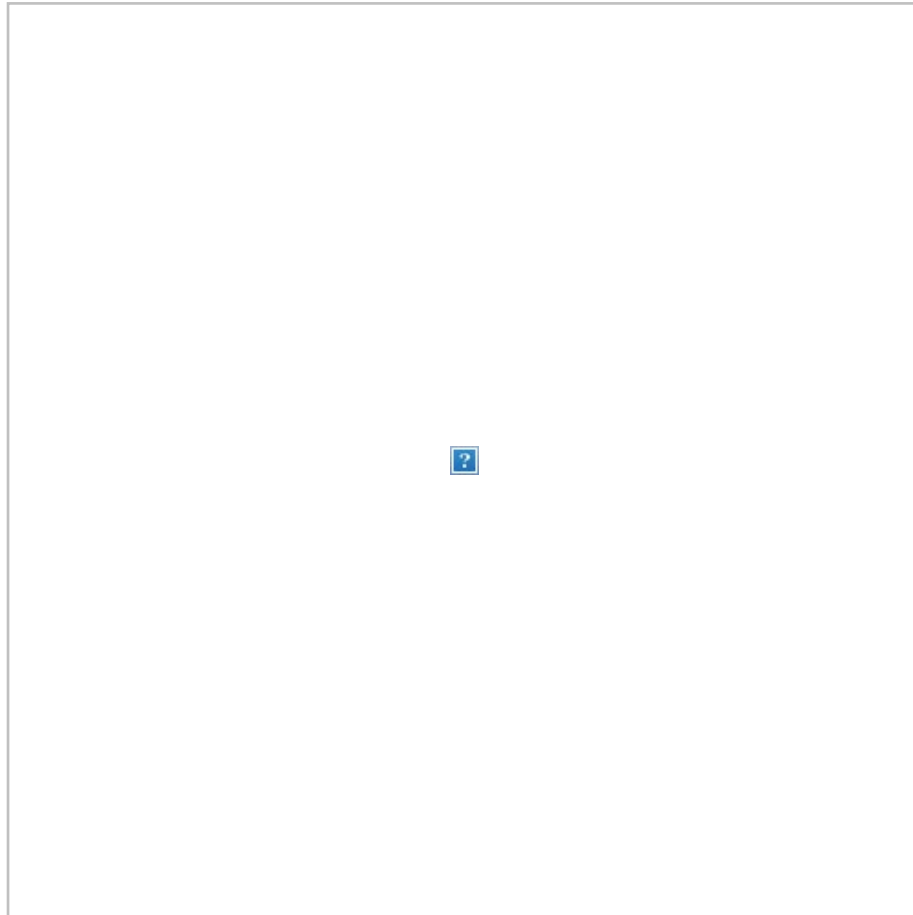
From: **Moms Across America** <info@momsacrossamerica.org>
Date: Mon, Nov 4, 2024, 12:11 PM
Subject: Tonight on the Moms Connect Call - November 4, 2024
To: Wynn Grich <[REDACTED]>



Wynn --

We have missed you!

Join us on our Moms Connect Call tonight from 7 to 8 pm ET for the latest news from Zen.



We are VERY excited to have on Integrative Pediatrician, Dr. Joel "Gator" Warsh - to talk with us about **"School Lunches and The Future of Our Country"**. We will be talking about his new book - **"Parenting at Your Child's Pace - Integrative Wisdom for the First Years"**, so bring your questions and get all of your mom friends to join us!!!

See you tonight!

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: November 4, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZAucu2urTorH9O884I7GvWvXII1xP1OHxjn>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Moms Across America

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From: [Wynn Grich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Victorialeeferrer@gmail.com](#); [Reform Clark County - Rob Anderson](#); [Cemal Richards](#)
Subject: Fwd: HPV vaccine harms were evident before covid vaccines were introduced
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:07:04 PM

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From: rcoones102 [REDACTED] >
Date: Mon, Nov 4, 2024, 7:47 AM
Subject: HPV vaccine harms were evident before covid vaccines were introduced
To:

HPV vaccine harms were evident before covid vaccines were introduced

https://expose-news.com/2024/11/04/hpv-vaccine-harms-were-evident-before-covid/?jetpack_skip_subscription_popup

Two decades ago, Merck introduced Vioxx, a profitable NSAID, despite knowing it could cause numerous heart attacks. After facing overwhelming lawsuits and ultimately withdrawing Vioxx, Merck quickly pushed Gardasil, an HPV vaccine, to market to recover losses.

Gardasil proved to be extremely dangerous, yet both Merck and the FDA ignored the alarming data and continued promoting it, even as it resulted in unprecedented injuries, including autoimmunity, POTS, infertility, and death. Notably, many of these issues mirror those associated with the covid-19 vaccines.

This article examines the dangers of the HPV vaccine, the reasons behind its risks – including its tendency to cause rather than prevent cervical cancer – and the extensive negligence of the FDA and CDC. These lessons are crucial for understanding the events surrounding covid.

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Watch "Bill Gates Faces MAJOR Lawsuit In The Netherlands!" on YouTube
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 6:18:19 AM

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Watch "Outrageous Government Spending | Dr. Phil Primetime" on YouTube
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 6:23:53 AM

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Harris, Rep. Paul](#); [Victorialeeferrer@gmail.com](#); [Reform Clark County - Rob Anderson](#); [Bill Coones](#); [Calvin CLARK](#); [Charles Beck](#); [electmichellebelkot@gmail.com](#); [LARS7062@gmail.com](#)
Subject: Watch "Dr. Dean Burk - Fluoride causes cancer" on YouTube
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:35:45 AM

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