



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

October 3, 2022

WORKSHOPS

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

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4:00 - 5:00 pm Complete Streets-Fourth Plain and Fort Vancouver Way Safety and Mobility Project

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, 360-487-7896

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Complete Streets-Fourth Plain and Fort Vancouver Way Safety and Mobility Project.

5:00 - 6:00 pm Draft Legislative Agenda

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

Summary

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

COUNCIL DINNER / EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PENDING LITIGATION / POTENTIAL LITIGATION (30 MIN)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Absent: None

Councilmember Hansen attended the meeting remotely.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, Seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously, to add a 30-minute Executive Session immediately following Council Communications.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - July 18, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 18, 2022.

Minutes - July 25, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 25, 2022.

Proclamations: Disability Employment Awareness Month

Mayor McEnery-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Bob Freedland, Advisory Board Member of Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, and Patricia Buescher, Developmental Disabilities Program Manager, proclaiming October 2022, as Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Community Communications

Mayor McEnery-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding Consent Agenda Items 1-10:

- Chad Seitz, Vancouver
- Justin Wood, Vancouver
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-10)

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Partial Easement Release - Water

Staff Report: 134-22

The property owners have constructed new water main and recorded appropriate easements around those mains, thus allowing for abandonment of a short section of existing water main, and the existing water easement

over the existing main. The property owners are requesting the release of the portion of the original easement over the vacated water main, to allow for new building construction and removing any encumbrance.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or their designee to sign the attached easement release.

Tracy Tuntland, Technical Engineering Supervisor, 360-487-7168

Motion approved the request.

2. The NW Lavina St Water Main Replacement project (BID# 22-21) - Final Construction Acceptance

Staff Report: 135-22

McDonald Excavating, Inc. of Washougal, Washington has completed construction of approximately 2,850 linear feet of new water main in Northwest Lavina Street, Northwest Rose Street, Northwest 40th Street, and Northwest 41st Street. The new water mains were installed to address pressure deficiencies in meeting the minimum fire flow for the area as identified in the 2015 Comprehensive Water System Plan. In addition, 600 feet of sewer was installed to replace aging and substandard sanitary sewer mains within the project area. Interdepartmental coordination between the utility and transportation groups provided for the utility installation in advance of repaving the streets.

The work was completed satisfactorily in accordance with the plans and specifications. Contract costs are summarized below:

TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS	
<i>Labor, Equipment and Material</i>	<i>\$645,549.97</i>
<i>Sales Tax</i>	<i>\$54,871.74</i>
Total	\$700,421.71
<i>Retainage</i>	<i>BOND</i>

The original bid amount was \$700,650.39 compared to a final amount of \$700,421.71.

McDonald Excavating exceeded the 3% Apprenticeship Utilization goal for the project with 4% by using apprentices for 56 hours of the 1454.5 hours worked.

Request: On October 3, 2022, accept the NW Lavina St Water Main Replacement project as constructed by McDonald Excavating, Inc. of Washougal, Washington, and authorize release of bond, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Michelle Henry, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7155

Motion approved the request.

3. Water Station 1 Phase 2 Reservoir and Security Upgrades project (BID #19-01) - Final Construction Acceptance

Staff Report: 136-22

Water Station 1 is a 24.5-acre site, owned by the Water Utility, located on the southeast corner of East Fort Vancouver and Fourth Plain Boulevard. The Water Station 1 site has been used for water production since the late 1800's and is currently the City's most prolific water production facility, capable of pumping 34 million gallons per day. Water Station 1 currently operates around the clock to produce safe clean drinking water for the City's water service area that spans across the city limits and beyond. The site is the backbone of the City's water supply system.

To maintain this essential resource, a three-phase facility master plan was developed for Water Station 1 and approved to; 1) replace aging facilities to ensure reliability, increase efficiency, and meet current standards, 2) increase capacity and delivery capabilities necessary to meet future water needs, and 3) increase security of the site and improve protection for this vital water resource. Phase 1 of the three-phase plan was completed in 2019. This project, Phase 2, started in late 2019 and constructed three new water storage reservoirs, replacing the water reservoirs built in the early 1900's. The new seismic resilient water storage facilities increased water storage on the site from 5.25 million gallons to 9.0 million gallons. The project has improved access to the site, installed hi-security steel fencing to separate drinking water facilities from publicly accessible spaces, added surveillance cameras and intrusion alarms, added and retrofitted existing site lighting with LED fixtures that provide well-lit pathways, and improved bike connection points through and around the site. The project also restored historical site features and constructed a Water Station 1 site monument from salvaged wood beams taken from the original 1-million-gallon reservoir. Phase 3 of the project will replace three of the older wells and is scheduled for bid opening later this year with construction in 2023.

The work was satisfactorily completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. Contract costs are summarized below:

TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS	
Labor, Equipment and Material	\$19,403,027.28
Sales Tax	\$1,634,625.15
Total	\$21,037,653.43
Retainage	\$970,151.36

The original bid amount was \$20,501,041.60 compared to a final amount of \$21,037,653.43, for less than a 3% increase. The increase can be mostly attributed to modifications identified as needed during construction that were not easily identified prior, including pandemic related issues.

Apprenticeship utilization required was 8% and the contractor exceeded this with 9.4% by using apprentices 6,359 hours of the total 67,302.6 hours worked.

Request: On October 3, 2022, accept the Water Station 1 Phase 2 project as constructed by Rotschy Inc. of Vancouver, Washington, and authorize the release of bond, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Michelle Henry, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7155

Motion approved the request.

4. Bid Award for the Vancouver Low Rezone Water Main Installation - E Reserve - 13th to 17th project, per ITB 22-34

Staff Report: 137-22

The project addresses pressure deficiencies to existing water services along the project route that were identified in the 2015 Comprehensive Water System Plan as having low water pressures. The Washington Department of Health requires a minimum water pressure of 30 pounds per square inch (30 psi) be provided by the City at the water service connection to the meter. Approximately 1,450 linear feet of new ductile iron water main with a new fire hydrant will be installed in East Reserve Street, between East 13th Street and East 17th Street, to extend water to the area from a higher water pressure zone within the water system. This project will transfer a total of seventeen single-family and multi-family service connections from a lower water pressure zone onto a higher one. Two of the seventeen water services to be transferred were identified as having pressures below the State's minimum requirement and the others are only slightly above. Those residents currently experiencing low water pressures will experience higher water pressures once the project has been completed.

On August 30, 2022, the City received six bids for the subject project. The bids ranged between \$359,401.37 and \$645,089.90. The low bidder was responsive. The bids were as follows:

Summary of Bids	
Bidder	Amount
<i>Halme Excavating, Inc., Battle Ground, WA</i>	<i>\$359,401.37</i>
<i>Parker Pacific Development, Lake Oswego, OR</i>	<i>\$383,124.07</i>
<i>Advanced Excavating Specialists, LLC, Kelso, WA</i>	<i>\$388,511.65</i>
<i>Raz Construction Company, Ridgefield, WA</i>	<i>\$423,150.00</i>
<i>Nutter Corporation, Vancouver, WA</i>	<i>\$432,146.82</i>
<i>Odyssey Contracting, LLC, Yacolt, WA</i>	<i>\$645,089.90</i>
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$350,000.00</i>

Halme Excavating, Inc. of Battle Ground, Washington, is the lowest responsive bidder, and has successfully completed similar utility

construction projects during the last three years. The Engineer's Estimate is below the threshold for an Apprenticeship Utilization goal, there will be no requirement of apprentice hours on this project.

Request: On October 3, 2022, award a construction contract for the Vancouver Low Rezone Water Main Installation - E Reserve - 13th to 17th project (ITB 22-34) to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Halme Excavating, Inc. of Battle Ground, Washington, at their bid price of \$359,401.37, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the same; and authorize the City Manager to approve any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

Michelle Henry, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7155

Motion approved the request.

5. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with TCF Architecture for architectural and engineering design services Phase 1 for the new Public Works Operations Campus

Staff Report: 138-22

A 2018 analysis determined that the existing site and location of the Public Works Operations Center was not suitable to remain and expand for future uses due primarily to seismic vulnerabilities. In 2019, a new site was chosen that would serve the existing and future City of Vancouver and its utility customers. Through 2020 and 2021, concept basis of design functions and service levels were validated for the new site and location. Governing policies and project goals were also established during this time. 2022 began the development of the project delivery plan and project delivery team structure.

As a key facility, the New Operations Campus will support the Public Works department in meeting service levels demands, providing for efficiency of operations, modernizing services, and serving as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Development and use of the new Operations Campus will achieve multiple City of Vancouver policy and strategic planning objectives.

The contract proposed provides a depth of professional and technical services to support the City's delivery of a new public works operations campus. TCF, the lead architecture firm, has completed multiple public works and maintenance facilities in the state of Washington for agencies which include Pierce County, Mason County, Sound Transit, and Chelan County.

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a professional services agreement and any amendments with TCF Architecture of Tacoma, WA for the provision of

architectural and engineering design services in an amount not to exceed \$2,970,352 for Phase 1 of this contract.

Jean Singer, Capital Projects Manager, 360-487-7755; Lisa Brandl, Deputy City Manager, 360-487-8500; Lon Pluckhahn, Deputy City Manager, 360-487-8500

Motion approved the request.

6. Accept U.S. Department Of Justice Grant Award for Police Camera Program

Staff Report: 139-22

City leaders have engaged community members, staff and stakeholders in establishing the foundation for a police camera program as part of a greater citywide initiative to enhance community policing and public safety.

While the Vancouver Police Department does not currently have local resources budgeted to implement this project without federal assistance, City leaders have moved forward in response to strong community support, and we are excited to announce that this grant award will make it possible for the City of Vancouver to purchase and launch a police camera system this fall.

In order to demonstrate responsiveness to community priorities and implement this project in the swiftest responsible manner, the City of Vancouver committed locally-funded staffing and resources to provide timely, inclusive, and transparent processes to ensure due diligence and prepare for successful deployment.

After a two-year public engagement process that has embedded community members, staff and stakeholders at each stage, key accomplishments currently in place include network design and infrastructure improvements, program and policy development, ratification of labor contract changes, and competitive procurement processes, which are nearing completion.

This Vancouver Police Camera Program is a key investment that will help to improve police-community interactions and provide a professional level of service that is consistent with industry best practices and the expectations of our community. We welcome this opportunity to enhance the safety of police officers and the public, while contributing to a climate of trust and transparency.

This federal grant will not supplant or replace local funds, but will instead accelerate project implementation by increasing the City's current budget available for this project, while also leveraging local resources by providing City leaders with time to plan and budget for the local funding needed to ensure longer-term program sustainability and ongoing costs.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute this grant award with the United States Department of Justice to accept funding for police cameras and take any and all action necessary to enforce the terms thereof.

Troy Price, Assistant Police Chief, 360-487-7472; Katherine Nye, IT Technical Services Manager, 360-487-7660; Taylor Hallvik, Assistant City Attorney, 360-487-8521; Sara Baynard-Cooke, Assistant City Attorney, 360-487-8542; Brenda Tryon, Police Management Analyst, 360-487-7497

Motion approved the request.

7. Transportation System Plan Goals and Prioritization Framework

Staff Report: 140-22

The City began updating the Transportation System Plan (TSP) in 2020 and project staff have met with Council on several occasions to present information, review outreach, discuss values and goals, review policies, projects, and programs, and to discuss how the TSP goals provide a framework for prioritizing projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program and other project lists. The TSP Update chartering process dictates that Council affirm the Transportation System Plan goals and Prioritization Framework via resolution.

Goal Language Inputs

The Transportation System Plan goals were derived from input by Council, direction from the Transportation and Mobility Commission, and values and needs shared by the community through engagement activities. The City Council has clearly and repeatedly affirmed safety, equity and climate action as guiding policy priorities through TSP-specific feedback, in the current biennial budget process, as well as many other forums.

Between May and September of 2021, the TSP project team conducted multiple rounds of public engagement around the community's 'transportation values'. Engaging in discussion around values helped distill community priorities that could be shaped into Plan goals. Some examples of the engagement held over summer/fall of 2021 include:

- Interactive Google Jamboard activities (online whiteboarding activity);*
- Six small group discussions focused on engaging equity communities, including BIPOC, disabled, and low-income communities;*
- Six in-person events such as tabling at farmers markets, movies in the park, party in the park events and engaging in a 'transportation values wheel exercise;*
- A transportation values survey open for three months, and translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and*

Russian; and

- *A BeHeard project website and open house page.*

Prioritization Framework Inputs

The purpose of the prioritization framework is to categorize projects in the twenty-year TSP into short-, medium-, and long-term implementation buckets. Projects selected for short-term implementation will be added to the six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed framework evaluates the projects in two phases:

- *Geographic screening: where is it most important to invest in transportation infrastructure?*
- *Implementation screening: when should investments be made?*

Inputs into the geographic screening include criteria such as equity, safety, climate and transportation choice factors. The second implementation screen considers feasibility when assessing the timelines and includes considerations of cost, funding and coordination opportunities, potential environmental or right-of-way impacts, and ability to secure 'quick wins' to close network gaps.

While the framework will be used by staff to make recommendations on project prioritization, ultimately Council will use discretion and may weigh other considerations for the phasing and implementation of projects.

Request: Approve the resolution confirming the transportation system plan goals project prioritization framework.

Kate Drennan, Principal Transportation Planner, 360-487-7959

Motion adopted Resolution M-4191 to approve the request.

8. Amend Transportation and Mobility Commission term end date to coincide with the end of the calendar year

Staff Report: 141-22

The City Council established the Transportation and Mobility Commission (TMC) on January 6, 2020 to provide advice to City Council, the City Manager and City staff on programs, policies, and large capital projects related to the public right-of-way. The initial end date of member terms was set as October 6 of the year in which the term expires.

The current proposal recommends extending all current Commission term expiration dates to the end of the calendar year in which the term expires and applying the end of year expiration date to all future Commissioner terms.

Request: Set term end date for all Transportation & Mobility Commission

seats to December 31 of the calendar year in which the term ends, to better align with workplan and project schedules, alignment with other commissions that have interrelated responsibilities, and onboarding needs.

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, 360-487-7896

Motion approved the request.

9. Proposed Settlement of Lawsuit By Kara Brandon

Staff Report: 142-22

On October 26, 2021, Kara Brandon filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington against the City of Vancouver and three police officers. The lawsuit sought monetary damages from the City for the death of William Abbe, who was shot and killed by VPD officers on April 28, 2020. Ms. Brandon is Mr. Abbe's biological daughter and had been appointed the personal representative of his estate. Prior to filing the lawsuit, she filed a tort claim with the City demanding \$5 million.

The settlement does not concede any wrongdoing by the involved officers or the department. The three involved officers were all cleared of wrongdoing after an independent review by the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. However, both the City and Ms. Brandon agreed that juries can reach different conclusions based on the same evidence.

One component of the federal court's scheduling order was a requirement to engage in mediation. The parties did so on September 13, 2022, before mediator Chris Anderson, and reached an agreed resolution that would, subject to City Council approval, require payment by the City to Ms. Brandon in the amount of \$725,000 in exchange for dismissal and release of all claims related to the April 28, 2020, incident. This amount is less than 20 percent of the original amount claimed prior to litigation, and is significantly less than what many other jurisdictions have paid to settle similar claims.

The terms of the settlement are encompassed in the attached settlement agreement. Ms. Brandon's attorney has agreed to the terms expressed therein.

Request: Authorize the City Manager, City Attorney, and/or designees to execute all agreements and documentation to resolve the lawsuit and claim brought by Kara Brandon for the terms expressed in the attached settlement agreement.

Dan Lloyd, Assistant City Attorney III, 360-487-8500

Motion approved the request.

10. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for October 3, 2022.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$6,639,696.03.

Public Hearings (Item 11)

11. Fossil Fuel Code Changes

Staff Report: 132-22

AN ORDINANCE relating to use and development standards for fossil fuel storage and handling facilities; amending various sections in Chapters 20.150, 20.160, 20.410, 20.420, 20.430, 20.440, 20.450, and 20.895 of the Vancouver Municipal Code; terminating the existing moratorium prohibiting the establishment of new, or expansion of existing, large-scale fossil fuel facilities, originally enacted by Ordinance No. M-4295 and most recently extended by Ordinance No. M-4370; and providing clauses for savings, severability, and an effective date.

In June 2020, City Council enacted a six-month moratorium on new or expanded large-scale fossil fuel facilities, based on concerns about potential impacts to local public and environmental health and safety and to climate change. It has been enacted to allow time to update the land use code standards for such uses and to align them with other planning efforts currently underway, such as the Vancouver Strategic Plan update, Climate Action Plan, and other Title 20 code amendments. The moratorium was extended four times by the City Council and is currently scheduled to expire on November 6, 2022.

Over the past two years, staff has consulted with fossil fuel industry experts, and engaged in a series of meetings with environmental advocates and fuel industry stakeholders including the Port of Vancouver and numerous representatives from several existing bulk fuel facilities, as well as the Planning Commission and City Council. Planning staff have tried where possible to incorporate input on specific code language to make the ordinance clearer and to balance the stated objectives of the Council with industry and environmental perspectives.

Six large oil storage or transshipment facilities exist in the City of Vancouver, four within the Port of Vancouver, one further west at Tidewater Barge, and one near Fruit Valley Road. Five of the facilities are within the

IH, Heavy Industrial District and one is within the IL, Light Industrial District. All are located within areas susceptible to liquefaction in the event of an earthquake. All are located within the Fruit Valley Neighborhood in a census tract is identified by the State Department of Health being vulnerable to adverse health outcomes from environmental exposure due to lower median incomes, higher percentage of persons below the poverty line, higher percentage of Hispanic and non-white residents, and lower education attainment. Fruit Valley may be disproportionately impacted by the proposed ordinance because it contains most of the heavy industrially-zoned land in the City and is adjacent to a major railroad line; however, the ordinance attempts to address these issues by providing for extensive public review of individual applications to site a cleaner fuel facility and attaching stringent development standards related to health, safety and environmental protection.

The proposed ordinance has the potential to improve safety of existing facilities through seismic upgrades, and any new facilities would be heavily scrutinized for potential environmental or neighborhood impacts. A major improvement is that the proposed ordinance would ban new bulk fossil fuel facilities, coal energy facilities and solid fuel storage uses that would have been allowed in the IH District. Existing bulk fossil fuel facilities would be allowed to convert to cleaner fuels with minimal process and, as an incentive to transition away from fossil fuels, could expand capacity by up to 15% provided the facility meets seismic codes and other standards.

New small fossil fuel facilities less than 60,000 gallons total would be allowed in the IH Heavy Industrial District as a conditional use, which requires a public hearing to consider specific impacts. New small cleaner fuel facilities less than 60,000 gallons total would be allowed as a limited use in the IH District, subject to administrative approval (no hearing). Both categories of small fuel facility uses would additionally be required to comply with an extensive list of development standards to reduce impacts, including:

- Minimum 1,000' buffer from residential zoning*
- Construction to seismic standards; approval of fire response and spill control plans*
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission study required*
- Financial assurance in case of accident required*
- Annual report to City regarding capacity, shipment activity/type required*
- Permit oversight by the Southwest Washington Clean Air Agency and WA Department of Ecology*

Following a public hearing on September 13, 2022, the Planning Commission voted 3-1 to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance to City Council.

Request: On October 3, 2022, subject to second reading and public

hearing, approve the ordinance.

Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, 360-487-7882

Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the Fossil Fuel Code Changes.

Council discussed the Item with staff at length.

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

- Tim Emineth, Vancouver
- H. Lehman Holder Jr., Vancouver
- Heidi Cody, Vancouver
- Daniel Serres, Portland, OR
- Anita Thomas, Vancouver
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver
- Philip Englund, Vancouver
- David De La Torre, Portland, OR
- Rebecca Ponzio, Seattle, WA
- Holli Johnson, Olympia, WA
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA
- Kevin Fuller, Clark County, WA

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4380.

Old Business (Item 12)

12. Approve a Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for Vancouver Police Department Camera Systems

Staff Report: 143-22

Establishing a police camera program was identified as a top priority by the Community Task Force on Policing, which addressed key policies and operational changes for the VPD. The outcomes of this strategic process continue to guide the development of operational policies and expectations, which led to a formal procurement process that is now nearing completion.

Field testing and evaluation (T&E) of Axon police cameras took place in July - August 2022. During the T&E, five officers wore body worn cameras and five police vehicles were installed with Axon camera systems. Staff from VPD, Information Technology, VPD Records, and City Law evaluated Evidence.com, which is Axon's system for storing, managing, and redacting

police videos. The RFP committee received positive feedback from personnel who tested the camera systems and software. After committee members scored vendor proposals and a successful T&E was completed, Axon was selected as the City's preferred police camera system vendor.

The City and Axon have negotiated a contract for the police camera systems. The vendor contract cost of implementing a new police camera system is \$5,479,802.65 over five years, with an option to renew, which includes the following:

- Body worn cameras and accessories for officers;*
- New state-of-the-art tasers and training modules;*
- Fleet cameras will equip each vehicle with an automated license plate reader (ALPR), a forward-facing camera, back seat camera, and associated activating systems;*
- Interview room recording systems for East and West Precincts; and*
- Software and storage services.*

In addition to the City's intended procurement of a new, state-of-the-art camera system, staff have identified an opportunity to leverage its procurement of cameras from Axon to secure upgraded conducted energy devices (Tasers) at a greatly reduced price. If approved, the upgraded Taser X7 would enhance both community safety as well as police transparency by (1) providing a means for hands-free remote activation of police body cameras, (2) providing officers with increased functionality over the current Taser X26, thereby increasing the likelihood that officers can resolve violent encounters without the need for more severe modalities of force.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for police camera systems, and take any and all action necessary to enforce the terms thereof.

Troy Price, Assistant Police Chief, 360-487-7472; Katherine Nye, IT Technical Services Manager, 360-487-7660

Troy Price, Assistant Police Chief, and Katherine Nye, IT Technical Services Manager, provided an overview of the Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for Vancouver Police Department Camera Systems.

Council briefly discussed the Item with staff.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously declaring Axon Enterprise, Inc., the sole source provider for the conducted energy devices meeting the needs of the Vancouver Police Department

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for police camera systems and all other related equipment to go with it.

Communications

A. From the Council

Council agreed to reserve time on a future agenda to hold a Workshop on the humane treatment of animals in the City of Vancouver.

B. From the Mayor

Boards and Commissions

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the adjustment of assignments between Councilmembers Harless, Perez, and Stober.

Councilmember Perez was assigned to the Community Action Advisory Board, Councilmember Stober was assigned to the Ending Community Homelessness Organization, and Councilmember Harless was assigned to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee.

C. From the City Manager

ARPA Update

Patrick Quinton, Economic Development Director, and Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, provided an update regarding ARPA funded investments in the Main Street and Fourth Plain Corridors

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

Adjournment

9:09 p.m.

Remarks to Vancouver City Council

Oct 3, 2022

Good evening. My name is Lehman Holder and I live in Vancouver.

First, allow me to say "Thank You" for your work to date to protect the health and safety of our community from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. It's important and it's appreciated.

I lived in an oil town once, and trust me, it wasn't a nice place to be. Also, I believe the evidence is clear that fossil fuels contribute to global warming. If there are any here tonight who still deny the reality of global warming, I hope they watched what happened last week in SW Florida. That was a direct result of a warmer-than-normal atmosphere heating ocean waters, which fed the hurricane and its 150-mph winds.

So, I ask the council to ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit review process for any new, or changes in, existing fuel facilities. Your action on this will contribute to limiting the effect of overall global warming in addition to protecting Vancouver from fossil-fuel related safety hazards and health impacts.

I'm aware of the long effort by city staff to develop this ordinance and the input of many community members who have contributed to this effort. I approve of the ordinance language and earnestly ask you to pass the staff recommendation banning new and expanded bulk fossil fuel terminals.

Thank you again.

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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. As you finalize the details of this critical ordinance, I urge you to focus on banning new and expanded large-scale fossil fuels facilities and on ensuring a thorough and transparent 'conditional use permit' review process for any changes at these facilities and any new 'cleaner' facilities.

Our fossil fuel ordinance seeks to protect the health and safety of the community members hardest hit by the pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. This ordinance should address this problem and clearly ban new and expanded fossil fuel terminals storage and handling facilities.

The ordinance should also use the conditional use permit process, as well as strong special use requirements including seismic upgrades, spill prevention, fire response plans, and financial assurance.

To this end, I urge you to

- 1) Pass the staff recommendation around banning bulk fossil fuel terminals;
- 2) Ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for any changes or new facilities; and
- 3) Follow through on tracking and enforcing the code to ensure the community, and particularly the Fruit Valley neighborhood has the ability to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Regards,
Richard Kolber

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Vancouver, WA 98682

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Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 8:45:58 AM

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Regards,

J Chu

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98661

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 11:07:31 AM
Attachments: [text_0.txt](#)

Concerning your plans for 34th and 164th.

-The plan shows a bus stop too close to 164th. Traffic coming from north and south (on 164th) entering 34th to go East would cause severe back up when a bus is present. Drivers need the ability to go "around" the the bus.

-With only one lane headed East,bus stops to pick up passengers would cause back ups on 34th.

-Considering the amount of traffic on 34th the ONE lane proposal is is a very bad idea.

For commuters and neighborhood traffic this is a VERY POOR plan!

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback from those who actually use these streets.

From: [Therese Livella](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:31:16 PM

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Therese Livella

[REDACTED]
La Center, WA 98629

From: [Felipe Morales](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:49:24 PM

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Regards,
Felipe Morales

[REDACTED]
Washougal, WA 98671

From: [Monica](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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City Council Contact Form

Submitted date: Monday, October 3, 2022 - 7:58pm

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Monica

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Zazueta

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[REDACTED]

Street address:

[REDACTED]

ZIP code:

98665

Inquiry Information

Subject:

Comment on an upcoming Council agenda item

Recipient:

All of Council

Message:

I urge the city to pass the ordinance to prohibit new large-scale fossil fuel facilities. The health and safety of the community will benefit by avoiding more fossil fuel terminals in Vancouver. The ordinance values community health, safety, and environmental justice.

Please ensure that communities with high levels of pollution have a voice in addressing spill, seismic, and fire risks from any new “cleaner” facilities or terminals that convert and expand storage for non-fossil fuels.

Residents deserve an opportunity to engage in new energy projects in their area, including cleaner

liquid fuel that may be toxic or flammable in a spill.

I live in Fruit Valley and I can see the trains passing by everyday right from my front door. Fear of an accident and poor air quality are always on my mind. Just because I am low income does not mean my family shouldn't be safe too.

Please resist industry pressure to water down the ordinance or limit public involvement in future energy projects.

We appreciate the long effort by City staff and Council to develop the ordinance, and also the many community members who are engaged.

I just want this nightmare of global warming to be over. I was just released from jail today in Washington DC because I sat on a beltway blocking traffic for 5 miles with 12 other environmental activist on July 4th of this year. I was taken away from my baby Rufio at one month of age for 4 days. I sat on that beltway because I wanted/want to bring awareness to the climate emergency we all face. I am so scared for my boy's and everyone on this planet because our elected officials are not treating our heating planet as a climate emergency. We need to move faster. The ones who are taking my son's and everyone's futures are out free and I was locked up trying to bring awareness and protect our futures. I don't want to feel scared anymore. Life is hard enough as it is. As a city let's work together to make life safer and healthier for all.

Thank you, take care.

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From: [Arthur Ungar](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:23:04 PM

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The message below is one that you will receive many copies of. I'm adding my voice (and vote) to its requests.

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Regards,
Arthur Ungar

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98660

From: [Luan Pinson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:08:39 AM

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Regards,
Luan Pinson

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98664

From: [june Yamrick](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98661

From: [Margaret OClaire](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 5:42:56 PM

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Margaret OClaire
[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98685

From: [Dale Benjamin](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:53:04 AM

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Regards,
Dale Benjamin

[REDACTED]
Battle Ground, WA 98604

From: [Mark Leed](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Bulk Fossil Fuel Ordinance - October 3
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 11:59:46 AM

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Dear City Council,

I appreciate the time and effort by city staff to develop a robust bulk fossil fuel ordinance. Thank you for encouraging community engagement and taking into consideration the thoughts of community members.

Please pass the staff recommendation banning new and expanded bulk fossil fuel terminals. Please also make sure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for any new facilities, and for changes to existing facilities. A conditional use permitting process will allow the community, especially areas such as the Fruit Valley neighborhood that are low-income and disproportionately health-burdened, to be engaged in decisions that directly affect health and safety.

Once the ordinance is in effect, I urge the City of Vancouver to follow through on tracking and enforcing it to make sure that it is doing the intended job of protecting community health and public safety. It is important to me that this always be done with an eye on environmental justice.

Thanks again for your hard work,

Mark Leed

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98661

From: [Rebecca Hobbs-kasco](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:41:34 PM

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By passing this ordinance. You'll protect all of us - and your own families - from the worst case scenario! I love Vancouver, and want to live in a City where I don't have to worry about more large-scale Fossil Fuel projects.

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Regards,
Rebecca Hobbs-kasco
[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98664

From: [Janice Link](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98664

From: [Peter L. Fels](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: [Cathryn Chudy](#); [Heidi Cody](#); [Dan Serres](#)
Subject: Fossil Fuel Ordinance - Oct. 3 agenda
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:38:51 PM

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Peter Fels

Vancouver WA 98663

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October 2, 2022

RE: Fossil Fuel Code Changes

Dear Mayor and Council,

I appreciate your and the staff's work to propose new fossil fuel code language. It is definitely a positive step. Bulk fossil fuels present health and safety risks to the entire community, and particularly to the Fruit Valley community for the reasons stated in the City Manager's memorandum.

The fossil fuel industry has proposed many storage and export facilities in the Northwest, especially along the Columbia River. They will continue to do so until every community says no. Vancouver is now well positioned to stop bulk facilities in our town.

I would have preferred that every change or expansion of existing facilities be subject to public review under the conditional use process, but I understand the current proposal is a compromise.

With the City still considering its climate action framework and no implementing codes yet on the table, it is important to adopt this proposed ordinance now in order to assure we will not lose the opportunity to reduce our GHG emissions as a result of a new or expanded bulk storage or transfer facility which might have been allowed under the current code.

I encourage you to adopt the proposed ordinance.

Thank you,

s/

Peter Fels

From: [Susan Saul](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:41:34 PM

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Susan Saul

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98664

From: [Tina Brakefield](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Oct. 3rd Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 5:51:09 AM

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Dear City Council:

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. Our fossil fuel ordinance should protect community members hardest hit by pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. I would have greatly liked to be at the meeting tonight however my family and I are struggling just to keep our head above water.

Please ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit review process for any changes or new fuel facilities. This process will help protect us from fossil-fuel related safety hazards and health impacts.

We appreciate the long effort by City staff to develop the ordinance, and also the many community members who are engaged. I approve of this ordinance language and urge you to pass the staff recommendation banning new and expanded bulk fossil fuel terminals.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Tina Brakefield

From: [Jim Steiner](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Banning bulk fossil fuel terminals in Clark County
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:51:50 AM

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Greetings,

My family has lived in Vancouver, WA for over 100 years. I was born here. My son was born here. The health and future of our community is very important to me.

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-Jim Steiner

From: [James Steiner](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:52:21 AM

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Regards,
James Steiner

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98684

From: [bruce hall](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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Regards,
bruce hall

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98684

From: [Diane Adkin](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fossil fuel ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:19:25 AM

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Dear City Council:

I appreciate the continuing work by the City to develop a permanent ordinance to prohibit new and expanded bulk fossil fuel facilities in Vancouver. Thank you for this work to protect our community's health and safety. I urge you to pass the staff recommendation banning new and expanded bulk fossil fuel terminals.

It is important to protect those community members hardest hit by pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. A strong conditional use permit review process for changes or new fuel facilities should protect us from fossil-fuel related safety hazards and health impacts, and allow our community to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety. Neighborhoods close to these bulk fossil fuel facilities tend to be low-income and already disproportionately exposed to environmental toxins and air pollution. The City also needs to track and enforce the ordinance once passed.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Diane Adkin

[REDACTED]

Camas WA 98607

From: [Tamira Hite](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Feedback re: SE 34th Street Safety & Mobility Project
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 9:50:20 AM

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Dear City of Vancouver,

I'm writing to you to voice my grave concern regarding this project the city is proposing to do on SE 34th Street. I attended the meeting on Sept. 22nd to hear more about the project and speak about my concerns. You asked for community feedback so here is mine:

Point #1: The design that is proposed absolutely WILL NOT WORK! I live in the Village at Fisher's Landing off SE 168th and commute every day to work using SE 34th. I leave my house at 7 AM and by the time I get up to the signal light at 34th / 164th, there are at least 20 cars at the light waiting to get on to SE 164th. The majority of those cars (at least 13-15) are in the 2 left turn lanes. The rest are in the through lane or right turn lane. I'm lucky if I can actually get through the light on the first go. Many times, I've had to wait just due to the number of cars turning left.

Point #2: To reduce this to one lane each way is absolutely absurd! The traffic that will back up to the east will be ridiculous and force people who commute to travel through the neighborhoods off SE 34th to avoid the congestion. That means more traffic in the neighborhoods and potential for increased accidents.

Point #3: Has the city actually come out to lay "eyes" on this street during peak traffic times to count cars and observe traffic? I know "studies" have been done, but did they really take a physical view into account? If this hasn't been done, you need to do it to really understand the impact on this area.

Point #4: The buses sharing the only lane. How exactly is that going to work? They will make frequent stops for several minutes and traffic will be even worse. This is not only city buses but school buses who travel this street.

Point #5: Future housing developments - the VIC. Your staff stated their studies took this future development into consideration when doing there projects, but again, I find this incredibly hard to believe. With the number of residences being developed, the traffic will increase tremendously.

Point #6: Why does there have to be more mobility lanes in this area of town when several streets to the north already have them: SE 29th, SE 20th, SE 15, Tech Center.

Point #7: During my daily time on SE 34th, I hardly ever see bicycles. I do see pedestrians on occasion but they use the sidewalk which is definitely wide enough. In fact, I'm a walker and use those very sidewalks all the time.

Point #8: The intersection of SE 172nd and SE 34th is extremely dangerous when trying to make a left turn onto 34th. Traffic is difficult to see and then if you have many more cars, people trying to get out of the neighborhood at that intersection won't be able to get out.

Point #9: Have you taken into account that you are working with post-COVID commute numbers? People are going back into the office and traffic will only increase through this corridor.

Please, please, please - reconsider this design and come up with something that won't be so drastic. Do not rush this plan through just because few want to see this done. That isn't fair to all the residents who

will be negatively impacted. Everyone I talk to about this plan does not support it. Please listen to our concerns and address them!

Sincerely,
Tamira Hite

[REDACTED]

Vancouver 98683
(360) 601-6999

From: [Lauren Garcia](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Do NOT make traffic worse on 34th st
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:52:14 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Clearmeadows in Fishers Landing, Vancouver. I use 34th Street daily to go to and from my house. I am NOT in favor of the changes the city council wishes to make on 34th Street and urge you to LISTEN to Vancouver residents because no one wants these changes to happen.

Thank you,
Lauren Garcia
[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98683

From: [Karl Rohde](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: proposed changes to SE 34th st
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 9:23:53 AM

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To whom it may concern:

Regarding the proposed changes to SE 34th St between 164th and 192nd, there needs to be an overall survey of the local community. There is not a single person in the neighborhood that I've spoken to that agrees with the decision to reduce the traffic lanes on 34th St.

Although the intentions of our city planners are coming from right place, this will have a tremendous negative impact on the local families that actually live in those neighborhoods (such as myself). In addition, the proposed land use plan that abuts 34th street to the north will increase congestion 2 or 3 fold when that comes to fruition. Plus, we already have a reeeeeeeally wide street on 20th for bike and foot traffic.

Please do an actual survey of the local community first, instead of blowing smoke. People are not as stupid as you may think we are.

Thank you for reading!
Karl Rohde

From: [Hans Boehm](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Traffic lane changes on SE 34th Street
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:57:31 AM

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Council Members,

I, as a resident in the immediate neighborhood of SE 34th Street, oppose your plan of reducing car travel lanes to only one lane. Citing safety for such an ill-conceived traffic plan is not well received by the community in this neighborhood. Apparently, this area will become much more populated with multi-family housing, in addition to proposed commercial plans. With that, reducing traffic infrastructure will be absolutely counter-productive.

Besides, if motorists have to wait in their idling cars for two, three or more traffic light changes, that would only contribute to additional carbon monoxide emissions in the area (which is counter-productive to the current climate change agenda).

I am not sure how many, if any, of our Council members or traffic planner live in this neighborhood and are familiar with the area, and so, I recommend to please get adequate traffic studies done before embarking on such a controversial and expensive project.

Maybe, it would be more adequate using some of the allocated monies (or all) to fix roads and streets that are in such disrepair that car damage is an ongoing issue. As an example, I cite the access ramp from 164th to SR-14, which is so bad that motorists, in order to protect their cars' mechanics, are forced to use the bus lane. This section of roadway has not been addressed for many years.

Again, I feel, and so do a lot of our community members, that traffic planning needs to get a closer look, while the maintenance of our roadways, seems to be substandard!

Respectfully,

Hans R. Boehm

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#)
Subject: Fwd: Most Read News of the Week
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To: Elea Pilande [REDACTED]

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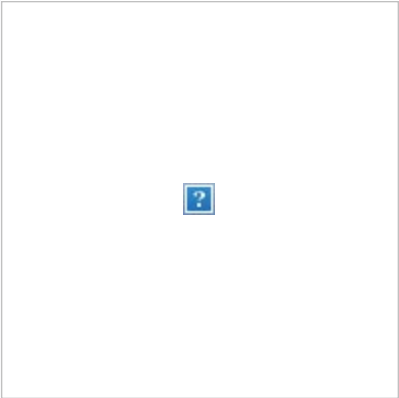
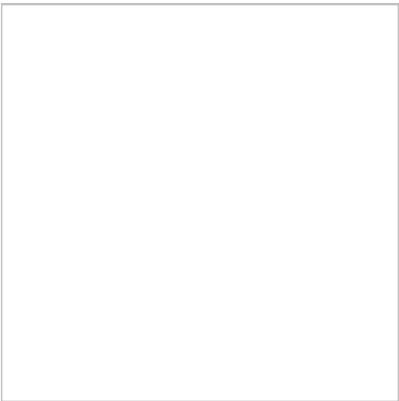
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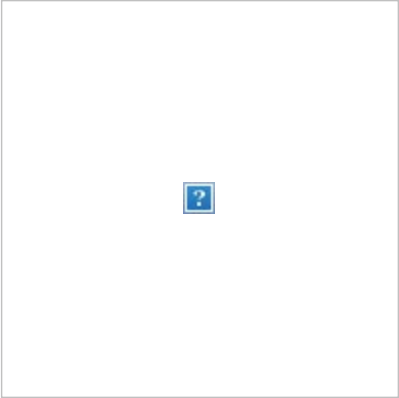


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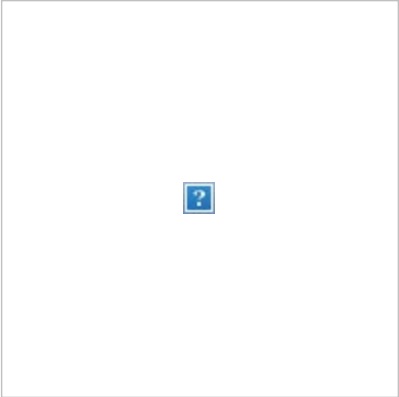
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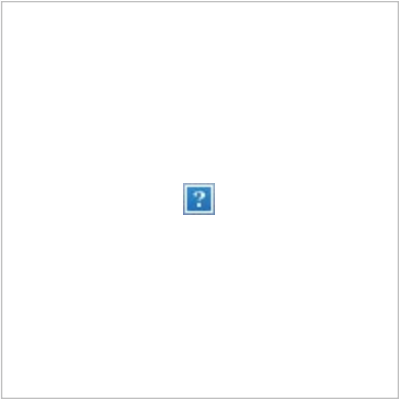
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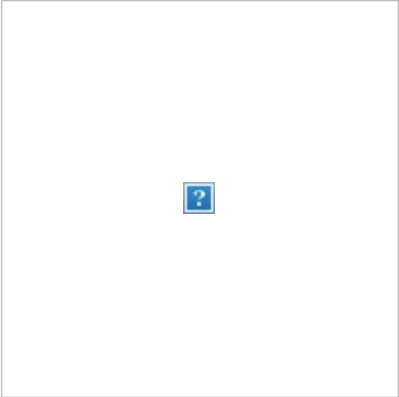
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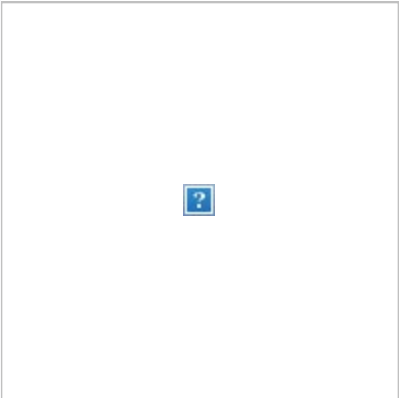
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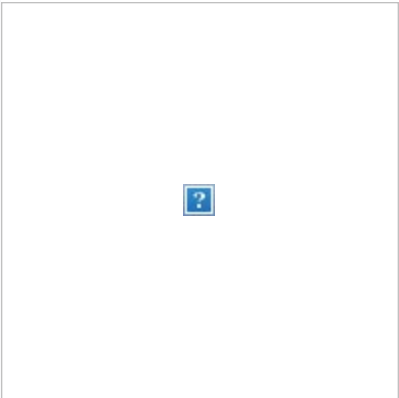
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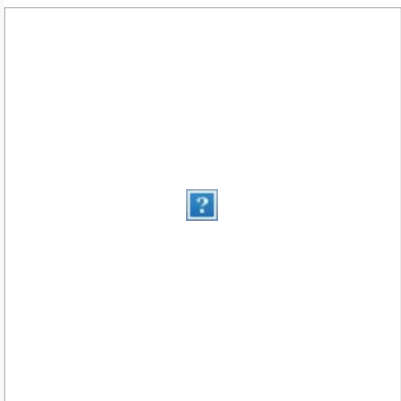
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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
Subject: Watch "They CAN"T hide the truth any longer about this | Redacted with Clayton Morris" on YouTube
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<https://youtu.be/MRcr0kG67aw>. Send this to the council members and Dr.
MELNECK. BOTH COUNCILS SHOULD NOT RECOMMEND THESE BOOSTERS.

From: [Richard Kolber](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 6:07:34 PM

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Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Regards,
Richard Kolber

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98682

From: [Ben Bierman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities.

Developments like the new Vancouver Waterfront represent the future of Vancouver. Vancouver will continue to grow as a vibrant city by our beautiful river, not as a home to the dying fossil fuel industry, which will certainly be gone by 2050. These facilities make Vancouver a less attractive place to live.

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Regards,
Ben Bierman

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98683

From: [Jan Verrinder](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Hi Council,

What year did we stay up together until 1 am hearing testimony on Tesoro? 2014? I've not forgotten the intensity of those testimonies.

My stance is unchanged and Monday is another opportunity to make a good choice.

Let's ban new or expansions of bulk fossil fuel terminals and continue to take a long look at any conditional use permits with a careful process to protect community health.

We need a strong fossil fuel ordinance; we don't need to add to the 6 bulk fossil fuel facilities already here.

I think we're beyond the argument that we must choose between a healthy community and a thriving economy. We need and can have both. You've worked on this issue a long time.

I appreciate you and thank you.
Jan Verrinder

PS We probably all have our memories from that massive meeting at the Hilton. I have three: Besides learning who Don Orange was and being very impressed, I remember it was likely the only time I ever agreed with Bill. He and I were both tuckered out. My friend Mary Ann and I left, exhausted, and not really wanting to ride our bikes back home (up the hill). Well, we got our wish. Her bike was stolen!

Regards,
Jan Verrinder

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98661

From: [Marcella Chandler](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:18:50 PM

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Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Regards,
Marcella Chandler
[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98660

From: [Jean M. Avery](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Oct. 3 comment re fossil fuels
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:33:23 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Thank you for your tireless, forward-looking plans for a cleaner, greener Vancouver.

Please vote YES for a permanent ordinance to prohibit new and expanded bulk fossil fuel facilities in Vancouver.

This action will improve the future for our City's residents and the environment.

Gratefully,

Jean M. Avery
Vancouver resident
Sierra Cub member
Vancouver Audubon member
Volunteer with Parks and Recreation
Volunteer with Urban Forestry
Volunteer with The Watershed Alliance

From: [Celia Cruz](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98664

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Regards,
John Cruz

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98664

From: [Niki Vogt](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Regards,
Niki Vogt

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98682

From: [Cheryl Speer](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Regards,
Cheryl Speer
[REDACTED]
Camas, WA 98607

From: [Annie Palmer](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Annie Palmer
[REDACTED]
Camas, WA 98607

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Regards,
Dan Rogers

[REDACTED]
Washougal, WA 98671

From: [mary n](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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mary n

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98683

From: [Hannah Liu](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Regards,
Hannah Liu

[REDACTED]
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Vancouver, WA 98685

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[REDACTED]
La Center, WA 98629

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[REDACTED]
Battle Ground, WA 98604

From: [Jim Byrne](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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Dear City Council:

Thank you for your work to protect Southwest WA community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. This fossil fuel ordinance should enhance our community.

Please ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit review process for any changes or new fuel facilities; to help protect us from fossil-fuel related safety hazards and health impacts. Neighborhoods close to these bulk fossil fuel facilities tend to be low-income and BIPOC. They are already disproportionately exposed to environmental toxins and air pollution.

We appreciate the long effort by City staff to develop the ordinance, and also the many community members who are engaged. I urge you to pass the staff recommendation banning new and expanded bulk fossil fuel terminals.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Jim Byrne

From: [Kristin Edmark](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Public Comment to Oct 3 City Council meeting on Bulk Fossil Fuel Terminals
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:30:40 PM

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Please accept my comment to the Oct 3 City Council meeting regarding Bulk Fossil Fuel Terminals.

Please accept the staff recommendation ban on new and expanded bulk fossil fuel terminals. Thank you for your important work to protect us and especially the most vulnerable of our area. Please also make sure that any changes or new facilities must go through a rigorous conditional use permit process with a chance for public input. The health and safety of all of our neighborhoods is so important to safeguard. Thank you. Sincerely,
Kristin Edmark

From: [Susan Saul](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Fossil Fuel Ordinance-Oct 3
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:32:12 PM
Attachments: [City of Vancouver Final Fossil Fuels Ordinance comments 9-29-22.docx](#)

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Written testimony for City Council hearing on the Fossil Fuels Ordinance attached.



P.O. Box 1966
Vancouver, WA 98668-1966

September 29, 2022

Dear Vancouver City Council:

Vancouver Audubon Society thanks you for your diligent work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. Our fossil fuel ordinance should protect community members hardest hit by pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. In protecting human health and safety, you also are protecting the health and safety of birds in our community. We appreciate your commitment to this multi-year process.

Please ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit review process for any changes to existing facilities or new fuel facilities. This process will help protect us from fossil-fuel related safety hazards and health impacts. A conditional use permitting process will also allow our community, and particularly the Fruit Valley neighborhood, to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety. Neighborhoods close to these bulk fossil fuel facilities tend to be low-income and BIPOC. They are already disproportionately exposed to environmental toxins and air pollution. The City of Vancouver also needs to follow through on tracking and enforcing the ordinance, once it is passed.

We approve of this ordinance language and urge you to pass the staff recommendation banning new and expanded bulk fossil fuel facilities.

Thank you for your leadership and work to protect our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Saul". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Susan Saul
Conservation Chair

From: [Mike Bomar](#)
To: [McEnerny-Ogle, Anne](#); [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Cc: [Holmes, Eric](#); [Eiken, Chad](#); [Snodgrass, Bryan](#); [Julianna Marler](#); [Mary Mattix](#); [Brian Carrico \(brian.carrico@wsp.com\)](#); [Small, Rebecca](#); [Ryan Hart](#)
Subject: Port of Vancouver - Additional Comment Letter on Fuel Ordinance
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Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and members of the City Council,
Please see attached additional comments from the Port of Vancouver expressing concerns and suggested revisions regarding Agenda Item 11 (Fossil Fuel Code Changes Public Hearing) for the October 3rd regular council meeting.
Thank you for your consideration and for your service to this community.

Sincerely,

[Mike Bomar \(he/him\)](#)

Director of Economic Development

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September 29, 2022

City of Vancouver

Attn: Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle and City Council



Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Subject: Proposed Vancouver Fossil Fuel Code Standards

Dear Mayor and City Council members:

The Port of Vancouver USA appreciates the City Council's direction for developing the current fossil fuel facility code changes to VMC Title 20 to: a) prohibit new large-scale fossil fuel facilities in all zoning districts; provide definitions for regulated fossil fuels and large-scale facilities consistent with the June 2020 moratorium; consider whether expansion of existing large-scale fossil fuel facilities should be allowed and, if so, what standards should apply; and finally, to make the regulations as simple as possible.

While we are pleased to see recent updates to the definitions around fuels "used to generate energy" to clear up confusion as well as emergency generator allowances, and allowing cleaner fuel facilities to be established within the city, we still have concerns with the following:

- An existing fossil fuel facility should be allowed to expand the facility to accommodate cleaner fuels by up to 15% of the current baseline of the facility. While the current proposed code allows for expansion for cleaner fuels, it only allows for of that portion of the facility that first converts to cleaner fuels. To incentivize growth in the cleaner fuel markets, existing facilities should be allowed to expand by up to 15% of the current baseline of the facility for cleaner fuels, not limited to only a percentage of that portion that first converts to cleaner fuels, provided that fossil fuel volumes of the facility do not exceed the pre-expansion baseline.
- Where no facility expansion is necessary, current fossil fuel facilities should be allowed to transition to cleaner fuels provided that the fossil fuel volumes do not exceed the pre-conversion baseline. The current proposed code would not allow fossil fuel facilities that chose to convert a portion of their facility to handle cleaner fuels to handle fossil fuels on that share of the facility in the future. In speaking with our partners, this is a huge disincentive to breaking into the cleaner fuels market and have indicated that the market uncertainty would mean they would continue to handle fossil fuels at Vancouver facilities and move cleaner fuels through other facilities outside of Vancouver. This is counter intuitive to what we feel the city is trying to accomplish and is certainly against the port's own goals for a transition to cleaner fuels and greenhouse gas reduction goals. As an example, a facility that has an existing diesel tank that would like to test the market for renewable diesel, would not be able to fill the tank with diesel again in the future should the market change. A modification to the proposed code to allow flexibility in handling

cleaner fuels at an existing facility as long as the baseline fossil fuel is not exceeded is critical.

- The volume and size limits on new cleaner fuel facilities should be removed from the proposed code (1 million gallons or 3 acres). New cleaner fuel facilities will undergo a robust conditional use permit process as well as permitting with other agencies with oversight of these projects and will have to adhere to robust requirements to address seismic, safety, and health impacts associated with these types of facilities. Facility impacts and necessary restrictions should be considered as part of that process. The current proposed capacity and size restrictions will likely result in no new cleaner fuel facilities which is not an improvement from the previous draft code version banning these new facilities and does not encourage the advancement and availability of cleaner fuels to our region. For example, sizes of green hydrogen facilities being announced throughout the country are larger than the current proposed code allowances. With the cleaner fuel markets emerging, flexibility in size will allow the city to be competitive in attracting these projects.

Please see the attached for proposed revisions to the current draft code to highlight the above issues.

The port continues to be committed to climate action through our own Climate Action Plan as well as the participation in the City of Vancouver's Climate Action Planning process. Additionally, our efforts are guided by our Commission resolution to support the transition of port activities away from fossil fuels and to attract cleaner and clean fuel facilities. To support federal, state and local goals to transition to cleaner fuels there must be facilities to handle them.

We appreciate the city's work on the draft code and look forward to the increased certainty that will come with a permanent code considering the above items. We look forward to working with City staff to finalize an ordinance that will help us all reach our mutual climate goals while supporting the transition away from fossil fuels. We also want to note that regulating a product through land use is a tricky thing to do so would welcome the opportunity to review the ordinance after a year to consider whether it is having the intended effect.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Mike Bomar
Director of Economic Development

Enclosure: Proposed revisions to draft VMC 20.895.110

cc: Chad Eiken, City Community and Economic Development Director
Bryan Snodgrass, City Principal Planner

VMC 20.895.110 Fossil Fuel or Cleaner Fuel Storage and Handling

F. Standards for Cleaner Fuels Storage and Handling Facilities – New or Expansion.

1. New Cleaner Fuel Storage and Handling Facilities are allowed subject to a conditional use permit if ~~no larger than 1 million gallons of cumulative storage, on a site 3 acres or less in size, and if~~ located at least 1,000 feet from residential zoned land. ~~Size cannot exceed the smaller of 1 million gallons or site acreage 3 acres.~~ Such facilities shall meet spill prevention/fire response, seismic upgrade, GHG assessment, and annual reports in subsection 3.b et seq.
2. Existing Bulk Fossil Fuel Storage and Handling Facilities may be converted to Cleaner Fuels as defined by VMC 20.150 Definitions as a limited use, subject to the requirements of subsections 3 b, c, and d below.
3. Existing Bulk Fossil Fuel Storage and Handling facilities converted to Cleaner Fuels may be expanded, subject to approval of a conditional use permit and compliance with the following criteria:
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 - d. Seismic upgrades pursuant to current building code requirements shall be made to any existing fuel storage facilities seeking expansion or site modifications triggering site plan review.
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by a qualified professional to the satisfaction of the Planning Official. The evaluation shall document baseline lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from the facility, net increases in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, and mitigation of greenhouse gas emission increases. Lifecycle emissions shall be quantified as defined in 42 U.S. Code § 7545. The Planning Official shall require mitigation to address the project's direct greenhouse gas emissions and may require mitigation to address the project's indirect emissions. The assessment shall address mitigation, which may include, but is not limited to the one or more of following: onsite efficiency improvements, carbon capture and storage, purchase of carbon offsets from any carbon registry approved by the Vancouver Land Use Department or state agency, implementation of strategies in Vancouver's Climate Action Plan, or other measures approved by the Planning Official. The mitigation may concurrently satisfy any other requirements imposed by county, state or federal governments. Mitigation shall be made conditions of approval, and shall be specific, identifiable, quantifiable, permanent; enforceable; and verifiable.

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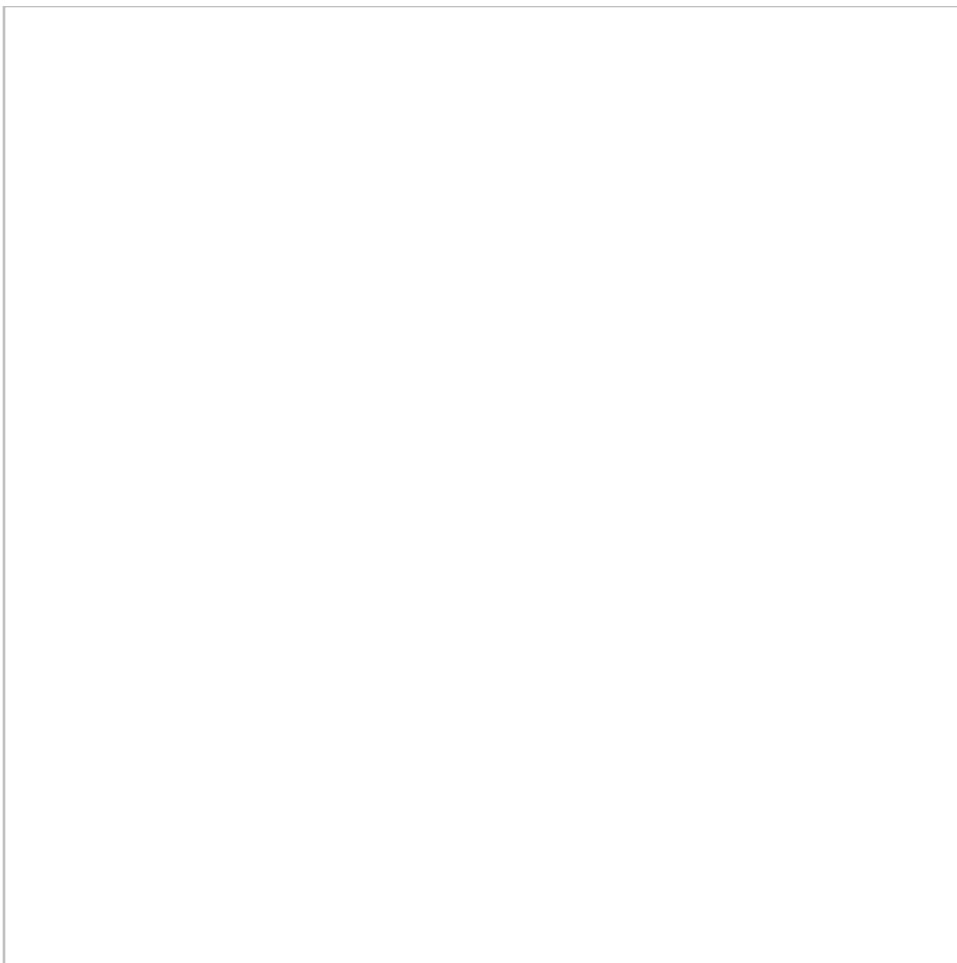
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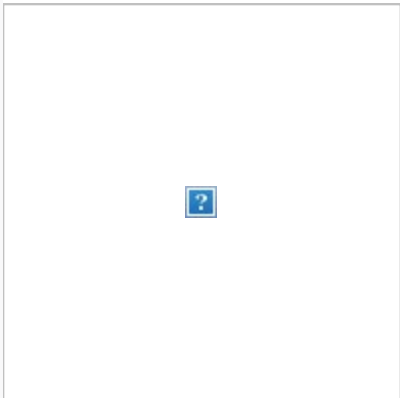
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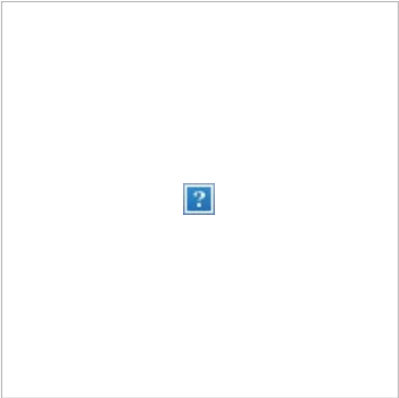
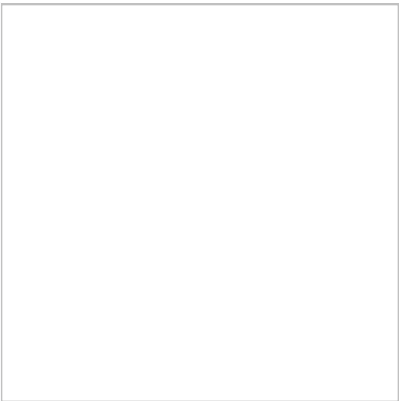


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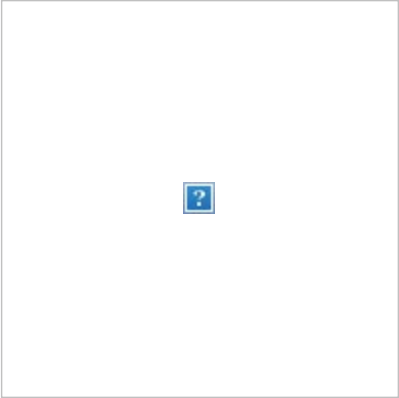


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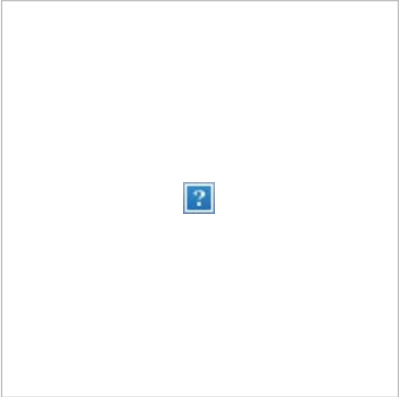
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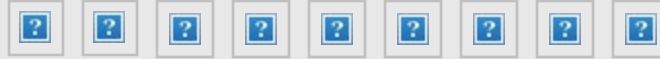
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<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/news/cdc-database-648-nursing-babies-harmed-by-covid-vax-3-dead/>

The Clark County health board and city council of Vancouver needs to see this. Share this article. Dr. Melneck needs to warn people of this risk. Melneck was encouraging the public to take the untested booster. " only tested on 8 mice" Can the public sue him or the Health Council for suggesting a kill shot? Is that coercing the public without full disclosure of what is in those shots and how effective they are ? Children's health Defense.org a woman took the booster and died 10 mins. later. If your councils and health board coerce the public into taking unapproved or human tested jabs, You should be held liable for the results. The public would like to see both council member's vaccine passports. This should be on both your websites. Put this article and letter on public record. Both your websites should be user friendly and easy to find the public records or input. Have a special button for all public records and letters on your websites.

Please send me notice both councils got this letter and article. I Do want a response.

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From: [Dan Serres](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments and Petition from Columbia Riverkeeper in Support of Proposed Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 10:14:32 AM
Attachments: [Columbia Riverkeeper Comment and Petition in Support of Fossil Fuel Ordinance 10.3.2022.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, Councilmembers, and Staff:

Columbia Riverkeeper submits the attached comments in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance prohibiting large-scale fossil fuel facilities. The ordinance represents an important step to protect the health and safety of Vancouver residents while avoiding facilities that contribute health-harming and climate-changing pollution to Vancouver's environment.

The attached document includes a petition and comments signed by 85 Columbia Riverkeeper members and supporters as well as a guest opinion signed by a broad coalition of stakeholders, all in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance.

Thank you,

Dan Serres
Conservation Director
Columbia Riverkeeper

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Dan Serres | He/Him/His | Conservation Director
Columbia Riverkeeper | [REDACTED] 97214
Direct: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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October 3, 2022

Vancouver City Council
City of Vancouver

Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Re: Comments in support of a fossil fuel ordinance

Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, Councilmembers, and Staff:

Columbia Riverkeeper submits the following comments in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance prohibiting large-scale fossil fuel facilities. The ordinance represents an important step to protect the health and safety of Vancouver residents while avoiding facilities that contribute health-harming and climate-changing pollution to Vancouver's environment. We support the text of the ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission and staff.

Included below is a [guest opinion printed on October 3rd](#) in the Vancouver Columbian in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance. The opinion signers represent a broad coalition of stakeholders. Additionally, included below is a petition signed by 85 Columbia Riverkeeper members and supporters who encourage the Vancouver City Council to pass the proposed ordinance. All of the signers support the form comment urging passage of the ordinance, and many added their own short comment which are included in the rightmost column of the attached table.

Thank you for your work in reviewing the proposed fossil fuel ordinance.

Sincerely,

Dan Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2022/oct/03/local-view-vancouver-ok-prohibition-on-large-fossil-fuel-facilities/>

Local View: Vancouver, OK prohibition on large fossil-fuel facilities

By Heidi Cody, Cathryn Chudy, Monica Zazueta, Dan Serres, Rebecca Ponzio
Published: October 3, 2022, 6:01am

After years of community engagement in support of addressing the impacts of fossil fuel facilities, the city of Vancouver is poised to approve a strong ordinance that would prohibit new and expanded large-scale fossil fuel facilities.

These facilities can be fed by long trains carrying dangerous fuels, are most often located on liquefiable soils vulnerable in an earthquake, and pose major health, safety and spill risks. For these reasons, both city staff and our Planning Commission recommended that the city ban new and expanded large-scale fossil fuel terminals.

We are part of a local coalition that supports the draft ordinance, a significant effort by the city which centers community health, safety, and environmental justice. We urge the council to approve the ordinance today.

While ruling out expansion of existing large-scale fossil fuel storage and handling facilities, the proposed ordinance leaves important flexibility to address impacts from existing facilities. The ordinance would allow seismic retrofits, safety upgrades, and maintenance improvements at existing facilities, all located in the Fruit Valley neighborhood. The policy would allow existing facilities to convert to cleaner fuels.

As an incentive, facilities that convert to cleaner fuels would be allowed to expand storage by 15 percent if they meet safety and seismic upgrade standards and obtain a conditional use permit from the city.

City staff recommend that Vancouver require a conditional use permit — which involves public notice and a public hearing — for “cleaner” fuel facilities that store 60,000 gallons or more in Vancouver’s industrial areas, whether new facilities or expansions at existing facilities.

We strongly support this requirement for public engagement and a more robust evaluation of facilities, which can involve the storage of flammable, sometimes toxic, non-fossil fuels near the Columbia River and Vancouver neighborhoods. The staff’s proposed language allows community voices to review and shape these projects that would be located nearby, while allowing room for the city’s transition to cleaner energy.

The reasons to act are clear: people in Vancouver experience environmental health risks far too often, and these impacts disproportionately fall on Black, Indigenous and people of color, lower income, and otherwise marginalized communities. Vancouver needs better protections to lessen the harm of fossil fuel pollution on citizens who already bear the brunt of fossil fuel pollution. According to the Washington Department of Health, some areas of Vancouver are among the worst in the state for environmental health disparities, including smog exposure and other hazards associated with fossil fuel use.

In making its decision, we urge the Vancouver City Council to stand firm to protect the health and safety of its residents by resisting industry pressure to water down the prohibition on large-scale fossil fuel facilities. Terminal operators would also like to limit the community's voice in new energy projects. These changes would undermine the health and safety goals of the proposed ordinance. City council should reject such changes, in favor of the staff's recommendation.

The Columbian's Editorial Board neatly summarized the importance of the fossil fuel ordinance in August: "Prohibiting new fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when our nation must move toward clean energy is a logical next step. It would reflect the kind of community we wish to have."

We couldn't agree more. The ordinance deserves unanimous support as currently written.

This op-ed was submitted by: Heidi Cody, Alliance for Community Engagement; Cathryn Chudy, Sierra Club Loo Wit; Monica Zazueta, League of United Latin American Citizens, Sunrise SWWA; Dan Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Rebecca Ponzio, Climate and Fossil Fuel Program Director, Washington Environmental Council/Washington Conservation Voters.

Text of comment petition:

Dear Vancouver City Councilmembers:

Thank you for your commitment to protecting community health and safety by pursuing a permanent ordinance prohibiting new or expanded large-scale fossil fuel facilities. I urge you to continue to move this work forward and ensure that this policy centers frontline communities already facing disparate environmental health and safety impacts created by fossil fuel facilities.

The current moratorium appropriately prohibits any new or expanded bulk fossil fuel projects on the basis of a wide range of health, safety, and quality of life concerns created by the storage, transfer, processing, and handling of fossil fuels in the City. The proposed permanent fossil fuel ordinance must safeguard community safety and health by avoiding loopholes that allow for fossil fuel expansions.

I urge the City Council to require facilities converting to cleaner fuels or establishing new cleaner fuel facilities to obtain a conditional use permit. This review process provides important safeguards for addressing seismic risks, public safety hazards, and averting fuel spill impacts. The public deserves to have a say in any flammable, toxic fuel storage near Vancouver's neighborhoods and the Columbia River.

By passing this ordinance, Vancouver can avert dangerous facilities like LPG train terminals, LNG train terminals, or coal facilities. I support the ordinance moving forward.

Thank you,

(See below for a table of comment petition signers, many of whom added short comments of their own.)

First Name	Last Name	City	State	Zip Code	Comment
Mary	Slowik	Vancouver	WA	98663-1008	Dear Vancouver City Commission: We do not need bulk fossil fuel facilities in or near our port. The port and the waterfront is flourishing without them, and those of use who live on the bluff above Vancouver Lake or who travel along Highway 14 want to do so in safety. We also want climate change to be the primary issue when considering the current moratorium, and keeping it strong and unamended, into the future. Thank you for listening to our voices.
John	Cruz	Vancouver	WA	98664-2836	Please take note: A fossil fuel ordinance gives us all an important opportunity to help Vancouver avert pollution, health impacts, and safety risks in neighborhoods that already rank among Washington's worst in environmental health disparities.
Heidi	Cody	Vancouver	WA	98664-5432	Our fossil fuel ordinance is meant to protect community health and safety. It is not meant to grease the skids for industry. Expanding polluting, flammable projects close to Fruit Valley is dangerous. Even if they're called cleaner fuels, the public has a right to weigh in on these projects through a CUP process before they get approved. Please don't lose track of the original intent of the ordinance. Thank you.
Susan	Schwartz	Vancouver	WA	98660	I see too many tanker trucks going by my by my apartment living room window.
Mona	McNeil	Vancouver	WA	98686-1533	I am proud of Vancouver's efforts to move away from fossil fuels and protect our environment. The climate crisis is urgent and needs you to do all you can. Thanks for your good work so far.
Beverly	Thomas	Vancouver	WA	98685-4113	

Michelle	Maani	Vancouver	WA	98685-2762	
CAROLYN	SOWDON	Vancouver	WA	98684-5704	Let's keep Vancouver, WA a healthy place for its people to live by saying 'no' to fossil fuel facilities. Thank you!
Jill	Boyer-Quick	Vancouver	WA	98661-6620	
Mark	Moerman	Vancouver	WA	98684-7852	
Frank	Marre	Vancouver	WA	98683-7691	Dear Sirs/Madams: Thank you for keeping our community, safe, clean and oriented towards a green fossil fuel free future. As a public health physician, I understand not only the economic importance of a green future but more importantly the human/environmental health imperative of a clean green future.
Tingwin	Chou	Vancouver	WA	98664-1681	
John	Baughner	Vancouver	WA	98685-1561	
Pat	Rucker	Vancouver	WA	98661-5336	
Sarah	Collmer	Vancouver	WA	98660-2420	
Jane	McDowell	Vancouver	WA	98682-8615	For the health and safety of the citizens of Clark county and particularly Vancouver, I urge you to vote no. Do not allow this to happen in our city
Luan	Pinson	Vancouver	WA	98664-1762	
Julie	Krieger	Vancouver	WA	98661-1036	
Barbara	Hedges	Vancouver	WA	98663-1543	
Cheryl	Gavin	Vancouver	WA	98686-4119	I will be watching carefully how City Council and planning commission act on this.
Angela	Taylor	Vancouver	WA	98660-2545	
Judith	Heath	Vancouver	WA	98663-1637	
Jill	Hawtrey	Vancouver	WA	98683-1847	
Gavin	Brinck	Vancouver	WA	98661-4644	I support less fossil fuels in Vancouver, and less large polluting industry.
Marta	Benson	Vancouver	WA	98661-1357	
Nelson	Brady	Vancouver	WA	98683-6674	

Merilee	Frets	Vancouver	WA	98683-7032	We wholeheartedly endorse efforts to keep Vancouver in a leadership position with regards to reducing environmental and social risks associated with transportation and storage of fossil fuels. Conditional use permits are just part of that process to safeguard our beautiful community and its neighborhoods.
Susan	Hoffman	Vancouver	WA	98682-7326	
Julie	Grobelny	Vancouver	WA	98661-3927	banning large scale fossil fuel industry here in our town is important to keep our community safe and thriving. Let's keep environmental disasters out of our community.
Nancy	Shaw	Vancouver	WA	98661-5601	
Tim	Rajeff	Vancouver	WA	98682-6790	Besides working in an industry that relies on cold clean water for our customers to recreate in, I live in a part of the city that could be devastated if there were an accident involving a large fossil fuel facility at the Vancouver port. I support any and all plans that move away from fossil fuel consumption and distribution and applaud the city's efforts to move towards a future without Fossil fuels.
Tim	Emineth	Vancouver	WA	98661-6647	
Celia	Cruz	Vancouver	WA	98664	Simply: Please pass this ordinance to avert the environmental dangers facing us all.
Karen	Wood	Vancouver	WA	98682	
Sarah	Martin	Vancouver	WA	98685-2417	
Jane	Nicolai	Vancouver	WA	98664-5385	Preventing a disaster is easier than recovering from one. Vancouver can avert dangerous facilities like LPG train terminals, LNG train terminals, or coal facilities. by requiring a conditional use permit.

Cathryn	Chudy	Vancouver	WA	98663-2807	I appreciate all the work the city staff and Council have done to keep Vancouver safe from bulk fossil fuel facilities since 2020 with the Moratorium which will be replaced with an updated ordinance that must continue to provide protections that are critical for ensuring the health and safety of our community. I support a strong ordinance that not only prohibits new bulk fossil fuel facilities but also sets crucial standards that must be followed for allowing conversions to 'cleaner' fuels and permitting smaller facilities that could possibly still involve risks to those most vulnerable.' The Conditional Use Permit is a necessary part of the protections that our community must have in place in order to ensure sufficient, careful, forward-thinking oversight, transparency, and public engagement in the process as we transition away from fossil fuels and towards cleaner ways to power our transportation system, while retaining the underlying health and safety of our community.
Vokouhi	Hovagimian	Vancouver	WA	98685-2025	We cannot afford risks. Remember the Wisconson tragedy.
Mary	Blackburn	Vancouver	WA	98663-1829	
Mark	Muenster	Vancouver	WA	98663-2211	The City should also move forward on phasing out 2 cycle gas leaf blowers and trimmers, which would cut down on noise pollution as well as air pollution.
Karen	Genest	Vancouver	WA	98683-4311	We need your support to protect our communities, now and for future generations. Thank you.
Renee	Bourgea	Vancouver	WA	98686-5772	Use permits should be standard and required for obtaining consent for facilities wishing to to convert to cleaner fuels.

Ruth	Flemming	Vancouver	WA	98664-4367	I worry about trail derailments like what happened in the Gorge as well as the predicted large earthquake. Remember that entire area is liquification area in the event of an earthquake.
Hannah	Liu	Vancouver	WA	98686-2258	
Nicole	Mortara	Vancouver	WA	98683-9208	
Jean	Avery	Vancouver	WA	98683-6595	Let's keep fossil fuels out of Vancouver.
Chad	Stemm	Vancouver	WA	98665-7428	
Lucille	Ausman	Vancouver	WA	98660	Please do not allow this project. I live in downtown Vancouver and this will directly impact my health and safety.
Elizabeth	Brinkley	Vancouver	WA	98661-7635	
Keisha	Landers	Vancouver	WA	98665-6205	
donna	joslyn	Vancouver	WA	98665-6145	We have to stop fouling our own nest.
Nan	Flaaten	Vancouver	WA	98684-4945	
Laurie	Rubin	Vancouver	WA	98664	It is vital to ban all fossil fuel expansion and move to zero fossil fuel use ASAP.
Emilie	Olson	Vancouver	WA	98683	
Alan	Unell	Vancouver	WA	98685-2025	We cannot afford risks. Remember the Wisconson tragedy.
Michele	Schindler	Vancouver	WA	98663-1741	Our community must look forward to a cleaner future, not backward to dirty, outdated energy sources. A permanent ban would protect our community from the last gasps of a behind-the-times industry. Protect the future for our children now.
Mark	Leed	Vancouver	WA	98661-5176	Please pass as robust an ordinance as possible, and require a conditional use permit for facilities converting to cleaner fuels.
	W. Bruce Cook	Vancouver	WA	98662-1009	
Keith	Scheid	Vancouver	WA	98685-1102	

Phyllis	Moses	Vancouver	WA	98664	Fossil fuels are as old as dinosaurs...and obsolete! We need new clean, sustainable energy. I'm interested in my health, my neighbors health, my sons' health, and most importantly - the health of my grandchildren and all the next generations to come!
Linda	Neth	Vancouver	WA	98668-2039	Please don't dilute this ordinance. Thanks.
Brenda	Gardner	Vancouver	WA	98685-3151	I am opposed to any new oil or gas facilities in my community!
Mari	Stephenson	Vancouver	WA	98661-6672	We need to take all steps possible to slow climate change.
Elizabeth	Verbeck	Vancouver	WA	98660-2208	Let's put this matter to bed once and for all!
Robert	Joslyn	Vancouver	WA	98665-6145	
Laura	Clarson	Vancouver	WA	98660-2546	
Ben	Bierman	Vancouver	WA	98683-5710	Think about the future of Vancouver, will it grow best with more riverfront developing as the current Vancouver Waterfront has, or by hosting giant, polluting industrial facilities that employ very few people and pay little taxes on a per acre basis while depressing property values for all city residents?
Sarah	Hafer	Vancouver	WA	98684-5913	
Lehman	Holder	Vancouver	WA	98664-2411	As a longtime Vancouver resident, I strongly support this permanent ordinance moving our city toward cleaner fuels. Heartfelt thanks for your efforts.
Dan	Wilson	Vancouver	WA	98661-5505	This is the perfect time and opportunity for Vancouver to make a major step forward and visual statement that the City supports a future vision that is void of fossil fuels . We are becoming a positive environmental example of a truly liveable city in every sense of the word .
Rachel	Tramontini	Vancouver	WA	98683	
Janet	Hedgepath	Vancouver	WA	98660-1619	
Steven	Campana	Vancouver	WA	98663-2078	Climate change is real. I support making the moratorium permanent. :)

Bonnie	Bingle	Vancouver	WA	98665-0903	This is not a NIMBY wish. This is for the whole earth
Pauline	Igoe	Tacoma	WA	98465-1603	
Julie	Anderson	Stevenson	WA	98648-6038	
Jim	Byrne	Ridgefield	WA	98642-9139	Avoid fuels passing through Vancouver. Make them get a CUP, better yet just prohibit. Jim
Tracy	Ceravolo	Ridgefield	WA	98642-9597	
JL	Angell	Rescue	CA	95672-9411	
Camilla	Bishop	Hood River	OR	97031-1124	Thank you for taking care of the environment and our citizens, plants, and animals' health.
Julie	Martinson	Everett	WA	98201-1114	This permanent ordinance would protect the waters and air around the mouth of the Columbia, and all people and living creatures of the entire area. We need to convert from gas and oil to clean energy to protect our whole planet, starting as soon as possible.
Lyndee	cunningham	Camas	WA	98607-1268	Cheers to keeping our Vancouver clean, green and healthy!
Sherry	Fitzpatrick	Brush Prairie	WA	98606	No fossil fuel here in Port of Vancouver. We are going electric even with our cars Thank you
Kristin	Edmark	Battle Groun	WA	98604-7248	
Thomas	Gordon	Washougal	WA	98671-1129	Dear Members of the Vancouver City Council and Staff: My wife and I live in Washougal and don't want fossil fuel trains coming through our town or into Vancouver. Several years ago, I was stuck in traffic on Highway 14 as the oil train burned in Mosier, Or. I was amazed that the fire did not spread to the school a short distance away, and the wind was not blowing which would have scattered embers all over the hillsides and started a massive fire. Such luck can be counted on in the future. Anything that can be done to eliminate the chance of fossil train fires on either side of the Columbia River is a great idea. Thank You, Tom Gordon

From: [Laurie Gaffen-Meyer](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:16:42 AM

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I am opposed to the changes that you are considering for 34th, 15th and 20th streets in SE Vancouver. Currently the traffic flow works well for the amount of drivers traveling on these streets.

The proposed changes and increased population will make a mess of travel and INCREASE the amount of toxins into the atmosphere while drivers are stuck in traffic. Please rework this plan and resubmit it to the community.

Laurie Gaffen-Meyer

From: [Cathryn Chudy](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Public Comments Oct. 3 Council Meeting Item #11 - Public Hearing, Fossil Fuel Code Changes
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:14:20 AM
Attachments: [2022-10-03 City of Vancouver Public Hearing Testimony Fossil Fuel Code Changes.pdf](#)

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My public comments for Item # 11, Public Hearing: Fossil Fuel Code Changes - see attached

Cathryn Chudy

Vancouver, WA 98663

To: Vancouver Mayor and City Council

Re: Public Hearing/Fossil Fuel Code Changes/Cathryn Chudy

I am a long time Vancouver resident, living on the edge of Fruit Valley Neighborhood for nearly three decades.

I have long been conscious of the environmental health risks in the area where I live. The combination of serious health impacts as well as significant safety risks from fossil fuel infrastructure, with steadily worsening air quality connected to continued fossil fuel use, make it necessary to speak up out of concern for myself, my neighbors, and our community as a whole.

I am grateful that we have had the protection of the Moratorium on new or expanded bulk fossil fuel proposals in place since June of 2020. I appreciate the staff time and effort in drafting the proposed ordinance before you today. These code changes provide a way forward for our community to remain safe from unacceptable harms and hazards that come with large-scale fossil fuel facilities.

I know from long experience that public awareness and opportunity for involvement (asking questions, having a voice) in decisions that affect us is essential, and I fully support the conditional use permit process provisions in the proposed code changes.

I see public engagement as the critical pathway for the needs of our community to be represented and understood by those of us who live, work, play and raise our children here, so that energy proposals do not put industry priorities over the good of our community, or lose sight of environmental justice issues as they are presented for consideration.

I thank Council for finally bringing this to a Public Hearing and for taking our input carefully into account as you make the decision that will ensure the continued protection of our health and safety as well as the long term well-being of our community.

We advocate for ourselves, our surrounding neighbors and our community, as well as the children and grandchildren in future generations that will experience the benefits and protections inherent in the decision you make today.

I urge you to accept the staff recommendation for the proposed code changes as currently written. These are clearly grounded in community public health, safety, and environmental justice, and, as noted recently in the Columbian, will “reflect the kind of community we wish to have.”

From: [Heather Jolma Fray](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Support of Fossil Fuel ordinance code changes
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:53:01 PM

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Good evening!

Please hear our request and lead us forward to support the Fossil Fuel Ordinance Code changes.

We appreciate your desire to make every effort to reduce greenhouse gasses in our town.

Thank you.

From: [Peter L. Fels](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: [Cathryn Chudy](#); [Heidi Cody](#); [Dan Serres](#)
Subject: Fossil Fuel Ordinance - Oct. 3 agenda
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:38:50 PM

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Peter Fels

Vancouver WA 98663

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October 2, 2022

RE: Fossil Fuel Code Changes

Dear Mayor and Council,

I appreciate your and the staff's work to propose new fossil fuel code language. It is definitely a positive step. Bulk fossil fuels present health and safety risks to the entire community, and particularly to the Fruit Valley community for the reasons stated in the City Manager's memorandum.

The fossil fuel industry has proposed many storage and export facilities in the Northwest, especially along the Columbia River. They will continue to do so until every community says no. Vancouver is now well positioned to stop bulk facilities in our town.

I would have preferred that every change or expansion of existing facilities be subject to public review under the conditional use process, but I understand the current proposal is a compromise.

With the City still considering its climate action framework and no implementing codes yet on the table, it is important to adopt this proposed ordinance now in order to assure we will not lose the opportunity to reduce our GHG emissions as a result of a new or expanded bulk storage or transfer facility which might have been allowed under the current code.

I encourage you to adopt the proposed ordinance.

Thank you,

s/

Peter Fels

From: [Cora O'Malley](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:57:06 PM

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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. As you finalize the details of this critical ordinance, I urge you to focus on banning new and expanded large-scale fossil fuels facilities and on ensuring a thorough and transparent 'conditional use permit' review process for any changes at these facilities and any new 'cleaner' facilities.

Our fossil fuel ordinance seeks to protect the health and safety of the community members hardest hit by the pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. This ordinance should address this problem and clearly ban new and expanded fossil fuel terminals storage and handling facilities.

The ordinance should also use the conditional use permit process, as well as strong special use requirements including seismic upgrades, spill prevention, fire response plans, and financial assurance.

To this end, I urge you to

- 1) Pass the staff recommendation around banning bulk fossil fuel terminals;
- 2) Ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for any changes or new facilities; and
- 3) Follow through on tracking and enforcing the code to ensure the community, and particularly the Fruit Valley neighborhood has the ability to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Regards,
Cora O'Malley

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98662

From: [Susan Taylor](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:01:06 PM

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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities.

I appreciate living in a community that values the health and safety of its people and is taking on a leadership role in this area.

Please pass the staff recommended ordinance to keep our community safe for future generations. I appreciate the time you are devoting to this effort.

Regards,
Susan Taylor

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98683

From: [Jennifer Baker](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: CREDC comments on the draft Fossil Fuels Plus code revision
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:23:17 PM
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Dear Mayor and City Councilors:

Please find CREDC's attached written submission responsive to tonight's hearing on proposed Fossil Fuels Plus language.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Jen

Jennifer Baker

President & CEO

Columbia River Economic 





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October 3, 2022

Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle and
City Councilors, City of Vancouver
415 West 6th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

Dear Mayor and City Councilors:

This letter is written responsive to the City of Vancouver's proposed amendments and expansion of the current fossil fuel facility code changes to VMC Title 20.

While achieving concurrence between the City's Climate Action strategy (in-progress) and corresponding building policy code is admirable, there is concern among CREDC stakeholders that the current draft of the code, as of October 3, will invite unintended consequences that negatively impact our work attracting businesses and helping existing businesses expand or stay engaged.

As the leading economic development agency for Clark County, CREDC observes a consistent trend of industrial and light industrial business development projects that seek 30-50 acres (on average) or a minimum of 30,000 square feet of built environment. This trend extends to clean energy projects, which typically have sought even greater acreage for advancement of clean energy technologies. The City's code proposal suggests '3 acres or 1 million gallons per day' as a size limit for new cleaner energy facilities. In our experience, it is unimaginable that such size limits would facilitate cleaner energy facilities of any sort. We request from the City further diligence and clarification of those specified thresholds, as related to actual clean energy facilities and business attraction projects on a national level.

Further, to encourage existing companies to remain in our Clark County footprint, CREDC recommends a policy direction that does not penalize companies which are seeking to make strides in adopting cleaner and more efficient sources of power. Incremental action should be strongly encouraged in ways that yield diverse and more efficient energy sources. The ratcheting mechanisms of the code stand to make it increasingly difficult for companies to even pilot cleaner fuel opportunities and could lead ultimately to business (and jobs) attrition.

CREDC urges City Councils' strong consideration of unintended consequences over the "fossil fuels" code proposal which extends into code impacting cleaner energy sources--as there are existing checks and balances, and legal vehicles (such as development agreements) that also govern specific development opportunities on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you for your consideration of these written remarks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Baker".

Jennifer Baker
President
Columbia River Economic Development Council

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I want to take this time to appreciate the work of the Vancouver City Council. It is always easiest to maintain the status quo; what you are about to do is not the status quo. Your work to stop new fossil fuel facilities from entering our community is crucial and forward-thinking. It is work like this that will continue to attract cutting-edge companies and talented, caring people to the city. It will make the city a healthier, more livable place for residents. I am proud that our city is saying no to powerful fossil fuel interests and taking a step towards a cleaner future. Please put in place the fossil fuel ordinance tonight and send a signal to the nation that Vancouver Washington is on the cutting edge of a green economy.

Sincerely,
Tracy Ceravolo

From: [Heidi Cody](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: Testimony re: #11 fossil fuel ordinance 10.2.2022
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Good morning,

Attached is my personal testimony for tonight about the fossil fuel ordinance.

Thank you,
Heidi Cody

October 3, 2022
Heidi Cody

Vancouver City Council

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, City Councilmembers and Staff,

My name is Heidi Cody and I live in Vancouver. Thank you for your perseverance to finally arrive at this hearing and vote, on a policy that protects Vancouver's health and safety. I am hopeful and excited about witnessing the passage of the fossil fuel ordinance that so many of us have been advocating for, for so long.

If we pass this ordinance, Vancouver won't contribute to any increase in mile-long trains carrying flammable fuel like LNG or LPG through our community. This ordinance also sends a clear message that new and expanded bulk fossil fuel projects are not welcome here.

Thank you to staff for crafting a policy with strong components, including establishing a 60,000 gallon threshold for smaller fuel facilities, allowing conversions of existing fossil fuel facilities only to cleaner fuels, and limiting "capacity" for expansions. From what I understand, staff has done a good job limiting loopholes.

I am grateful that conditional use permitting will be in place for most types of fuel facilities. The built-in public process for approving proposals is a crucial protection for our communities, particularly low-income and BIPOC neighborhoods that are already overburdened by health impacts and safety risks of bulk fossil fuel infrastructure.

The law will only be as strong as its enforcement and regulation. Will relying on Southwest Clean Air and the Washington Department of Ecology be enough to monitor new and expanded projects in our Heavy Industrial Zone? I don't know. I hope that the City can monitor and regulate these projects too. Air monitoring in the Fruit Valley Neighborhood should help with City oversight, as well as provide better information about Fruit Valley's exposure to air pollution.

Thank you for all your work on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi Cody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heidi Cody

From: [Matthias Sayer](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Jeff Pinter](#); [Kyle Plummer](#); [Sandra DuCharme](#)
Subject: Proposed Vancouver Fossil Fuel Code Standards
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To whom it may concern,

Please accept NGL Energy Partner's comment (attached) on the City of Vancouver's proposed Fossil Fuel Code Standard.

Thank you,

Matthias



MATTHIAS SAYER
[Senior Vice President, Legal](#)

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City of Vancouver
Attn: Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle and City Council
P.O. Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Re: Proposed Vancouver

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

NGL Energy Partners is a diversified midstream MLP that provides multiple services to producers and end-users across the United States, including, amongst others, transportation, storage, blending, and marketing of energy products. Specific to the Port of Vancouver, in 2013, NGL acquired and began operating a propane terminal at the Port of Vancouver Terminal 4.

At this facility, NGL has and continues to safely manage the transportation and associated logistics of propane—moving product from railcar to onsite storage and from storage to trucks, without ever experiencing any accident, incident, or releases. From this facility, NGL supplies propane to local commercial, residential, and agricultural users and is the primary supplier for various local retail propane operations in Vancouver that service Southwest Washington and Clark County.

NGL applauds the Council's effort to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and advance a greener energy program. NGL is engaged in its own efforts on this front and our sustainability report on our website showcases some of those efforts (<https://www.nglenergypartners.com/sustainability>). As the Council is aware, transitioning to cleaner fuels, like renewable propane, presents a non-trivial opportunity to achieve meaningful carbon reductions. Note that the carbon intensity of renewable propane is significantly lower than grid electricity and other fuels. According to the California Air Resources Board, renewable propane made with domestic, non-rendered, used cooking oil has a carbon intensity of 20.5 grams, compared to a carbon intensity of 80 grams for conventional propane.

NGL is actively engaged in negotiations to purchase renewable propane for processing at the Port of Vancouver Terminal for customers as soon as this winter. However, certain provisions of the proposed amendments to VMC Title 20 are working to hinder advances to this greener fuel source. Specifically, language proposing to eliminate flexibility to store petroleum-based fossil fuels once limited storage capacity has been used to store a cleaner fuel and language proposing to limit growth in cleaner fuels will result in a much slower transition to cleaner fuels.

Section 20.895.110 F.3.b conversion restrictions

The language proposed at 20.895.110 F.3.b presumably attempts to prevent the erosion of hoped-for growth in use of cleaner fuels like renewable propane by prohibiting the storage of traditional fuels, e.g. propane, once a cleaner fuel has occupied the storage space. This policy will have the inadvertent effect of slowing and likely preventing transition to cleaner fuels.

While cleaner fuels like renewable propane present meaningful climate-friendly energy opportunities, the market is nascent on both the supply and demand side, consequently, the transition period will be marked by ebbs and flows in volumes. Without the flexibility to match operations to market conditions, the risk attendant to transitioning to renewable propane under the present proposal is not tenable.

Under the proposal, any volume of renewable propane brought in to Vancouver presents a risk of capacity loss that, because of current market conditions, NGL cannot tolerate. Allowing a more flexible transition, however, would facilitate continued efforts to begin blending renewable propane into NGL's supply mix.

Section 20.895.110 E & F growth restrictions

Considering the aggressive reductions in carbon intensity associated with transitioning to cleaner fuels, like renewable propane, the language proposed at 20.440.030 B.34 and 20.895.110 E and F limiting expansion of the renewable propane market to 15% above the baseline capacity is counter-intuitive. As the renewable propane and associated cleaner fuels market matures, there will be non-trivial opportunities for Vancouver to more fully transition from traditional petroleum fuels to cleaner fuels, like renewable propane. This transition could help the Port of Vancouver achieve aggressive Scope 3 greenhouse gas reductions as well as broader reductions in the region. Placing arbitrary caps on this growth risks reliance on more carbon-intensive fuels during the transition period.

Rather than implement an arbitrary cap on growth, the City should adopt language facilitating growth, which growth will be checked by the market, but ensure that any growth in operational capacity be reserved for cleaner fuels.

In short, while NGL appreciates the City's efforts in the cleaner fuels space and looks forward to working with the City on its efforts, NGL is concerned that the City's proposal will have the inadvertent effect of stymieing any transition to cleaner fuels and may result in market fealty to traditional fuels over the coming decades. And, in fact, as noted above, the inadvertent consequences of this Proposal have had the immediate effect of halting NGL's advances in this space. To avoid these outcomes, NGL recommends adjusting the provisions discussed above as outlined in the attached.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Matthias Sayer
SVP – Legal

Enclosure: Proposed adjustments to draft VMC 20.895.110

VMC 20.895.110 Fossil Fuel or Cleaner Fuel Storage and Handling

3. Existing Bulk Fossil Fuel Storage and Handling facilities converted to Cleaner Fuels may be expanded, subject to approval of a conditional use permit and compliance with the following criteria:

- a. Total or partial conversion of an existing fossil fuel storage and handling to cleaner fuel infrastructure is allowed. If a facility is converted, any increase in capacity above baseline capacity shall be reserved for cleaner fuels. ~~If a facility is converted the facility may be increased by up to 15 percent above the baseline capacity. The expansion shall be in proportion to the amount of cleaner fuel storage. For example, if 25% of the facility is converted to cleaner fuels, the storage and handling infrastructure may expand by 3.75%. If 50% of the facility is converted to cleaner fuels, storage and handling infrastructure may expand by 7.5%. If 100% of the facility is converted into cleaner fuels storage and handling, then 15% of the infrastructure may be increased.~~
- b. If a fossil fuel storage and handling facility is partially or fully converted to cleaner fuel infrastructure ~~that portion shall not be later used for storage, transportation, or transshipment of petroleum-based fossil fuels.~~ The applicant shall provide a comprehensive spill prevention plan and fire response plan to the satisfaction of the Planning Official and Fire Marshal.

From: [Stan Freidberg](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Dear City Council Members,

Your vote this evening is a watershed moment for Vancouver and an opportunity to have a significant impact on preventing the environmental and financial devastation of climate change. The public health consequences of extreme weather with excessive heat, droughts, floods, and air pollution are in the news everyday. Scientists from over 150 countries have predicted what can be expected if we continue “business as usual”.

Transitioning from the use of fossil fuels is an imperative. I hope you will vote to ban new and expanded bulk fossil fuel terminals and ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for new facilities.

Thank you,

Stan Freidberg M.D.

From: [Laurie Rubin](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

I urge you to pass a permanent fossil fuel ordinance to put the City on the road to an end to all fossil fuel facilities and all burning of fossil fuels. I hope to be proud to invite my daughter and future grandchildren to visit me in a city that prioritizes human health and all of our children's futures.

I support your banning new and expanded large-scale fossil fuels facilities. For the near future I support a very complete conditional use permit review process for any changes at current facilities and any new proposed new facilities.

Thank you for passing the strongest possible fossil fuel ordinance for our community.

Regards,
Laurie Rubin

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98664

From: [Theodora Tsongas](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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As a resident of Portland Oregon, I support your efforts to reduce and prevent the adverse health, environmental, and societal impacts of fossil fuels through passing your staff's recommendations on the fossil fuel ordinance. We share the airshed and the world. Thanks for your courage and attention to this necessary work.

Theodora Tsongas, PhD, MS

From: [Hector Hinojosa](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pass a Strong and Clear Fossil Fuel Ordinance
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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Thank you for your leadership on a permanent ban on new bulk fossil fuel storage. I cannot express my hope strongly enough for the continued protection of our community's health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. A huge majority of our residents turned out by the thousands to oppose the Tesoro/Savage oil terminal. Please understand you have a vast majority of support as you finalize the details of this critical ordinance, I urge you to focus on banning new and expanded large-scale fossil fuels facilities and on ensuring a thorough and transparent 'conditional use permit' review process for any changes at these facilities and any new 'cleaner' facilities.

Our fossil fuel ordinance seeks to protect the health and safety of the community members hardest hit by the pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy.

The ordinance should include the conditional use permit process, as well as strong special use requirements including seismic upgrades, spill prevention, fire response plans, and financial assurance.

I urge you to

Pass the staff recommendation around banning bulk fossil fuel terminals;

Ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for any changes or new facilities;

Follow through on tracking and enforcing the code to ensure the community, and particularly the Fruit Valley neighborhood has the ability to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety.

Thank you for your hard work and continued care for our community

Regards,
Hector Hinojosa

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98660

From: [Eric Strid](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. As you finalize the details of this critical ordinance, I urge you to focus on banning new and expanded large-scale fossil fuels facilities and on ensuring a thorough and transparent 'conditional use permit' review process for any changes at these facilities and any new 'cleaner' facilities.

Our fossil fuel ordinance seeks to protect the health and safety of the community members hardest hit by the pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. This ordinance should address this problem and clearly ban new and expanded fossil fuel terminals storage and handling facilities.

The ordinance should also use the conditional use permit process, as well as strong special use requirements including seismic upgrades, spill prevention, fire response plans, and financial assurance.

To this end, I urge you to

- 1) Pass the staff recommendation around banning bulk fossil fuel terminals;
- 2) Ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for any changes or new facilities; and
- 3) Follow through on tracking and enforcing the code to ensure the community, and particularly the Fruit Valley neighborhood has the ability to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety.

I'm a retired high-tech CEO, who grew a semiconductor supply-chain company through three decades of Moore's Law technology evolution and disruptions. I confidently tell everyone that fossil fuels are already economically obsolete--fuel costs for an EV are equivalent to about \$1 per gallon; it's cheaper to build and operate a new wind or solar farm than to operate a coal or nuclear plant; "natural" gas electricity generation is also more expensive than renewables, and "natural" gas is a serious indoor pollutant that must be curtailed. All of the clean-energy technologies are getting cheaper as we build more, due to normal production learning rates. Thus, the future of fossil fuel business is short-lived and any jurisdiction helping to prolong the incumbent industry's polluting and obsolete business lines is wasting public money. The sooner we adopt clean energy, the more money we save.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Regards,
Eric Strid



White Salmon, WA 98672

From: [Cathryn Chudy](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

It is time to shift from Vancouver's Moratorium on bulk fossil fuel facilities to protective ordinance, and the draft code changes being considered for a vote tonight at the Public Hearing do just that. Our move away from health and climate-harming fossil fuel infrastructure to clean energy use is a positive step forward for our city, with benefits for our community and protections for our river, our city, and our region.

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. As you finalize the details of this critical ordinance, I urge you to focus on banning new and expanded large-scale fossil fuel facilities and on ensuring a thorough and transparent 'conditional use permit' review process for any changes at these facilities and any new 'cleaner' facilities.

Our fossil fuel ordinance seeks to protect the health and safety of the community members hardest hit by the pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. This ordinance should address this problem and clearly ban new and expanded fossil fuel terminals storage and handling facilities.

The ordinance should also use the conditional use permit process, as well as strong special use requirements including seismic upgrades, spill prevention, fire response plans, and financial assurance.

To this end, I urge you to

- 1) Pass the staff recommendation around banning bulk fossil fuel terminals;
- 2) Ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for any changes or new facilities; and
- 3) Follow through on tracking and enforcing the code to ensure the community, and particularly the Fruit Valley neighborhood has the ability to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

As a Council you have an opportunity with this Ordinance to lead the way for a healthy and positive future for all of us, especially those who come after us who will inherit the legacy of this decision. Much appreciation for doing this on our behalf.

Regards,
Cathryn Chudy
[REDACTED]

Vancouver, WA 98663

From: [Dan Serres](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments and Petition from Columbia Riverkeeper in Support of Proposed Fossil Fuel Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 10:14:28 AM
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Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, Councilmembers, and Staff:

Columbia Riverkeeper submits the attached comments in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance prohibiting large-scale fossil fuel facilities. The ordinance represents an important step to protect the health and safety of Vancouver residents while avoiding facilities that contribute health-harming and climate-changing pollution to Vancouver's environment.

The attached document includes a petition and comments signed by 85 Columbia Riverkeeper members and supporters as well as a guest opinion signed by a broad coalition of stakeholders, all in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance.

Thank you,

Dan Serres
Conservation Director
Columbia Riverkeeper

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October 3, 2022

Vancouver City Council
City of Vancouver
PO Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Re: Comments in support of a fossil fuel ordinance

Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, Councilmembers, and Staff:

Columbia Riverkeeper submits the following comments in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance prohibiting large-scale fossil fuel facilities. The ordinance represents an important step to protect the health and safety of Vancouver residents while avoiding facilities that contribute health-harming and climate-changing pollution to Vancouver's environment. We support the text of the ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission and staff.

Included below is a [guest opinion printed on October 3rd](#) in the Vancouver Columbian in support of the proposed fossil fuel ordinance. The opinion signers represent a broad coalition of stakeholders. Additionally, included below is a petition signed by 85 Columbia Riverkeeper members and supporters who encourage the Vancouver City Council to pass the proposed ordinance. All of the signers support the form comment urging passage of the ordinance, and many added their own short comment which are included in the rightmost column of the attached table.

Thank you for your work in reviewing the proposed fossil fuel ordinance.

Sincerely,

Dan Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2022/oct/03/local-view-vancouver-ok-prohibition-on-large-fossil-fuel-facilities/>

Local View: Vancouver, OK prohibition on large fossil-fuel facilities

By Heidi Cody, Cathryn Chudy, Monica Zazueta, Dan Serres, Rebecca Ponzio
Published: October 3, 2022, 6:01am

After years of community engagement in support of addressing the impacts of fossil fuel facilities, the city of Vancouver is poised to approve a strong ordinance that would prohibit new and expanded large-scale fossil fuel facilities.

These facilities can be fed by long trains carrying dangerous fuels, are most often located on liquefiable soils vulnerable in an earthquake, and pose major health, safety and spill risks. For these reasons, both city staff and our Planning Commission recommended that the city ban new and expanded large-scale fossil fuel terminals.

We are part of a local coalition that supports the draft ordinance, a significant effort by the city which centers community health, safety, and environmental justice. We urge the council to approve the ordinance today.

While ruling out expansion of existing large-scale fossil fuel storage and handling facilities, the proposed ordinance leaves important flexibility to address impacts from existing facilities. The ordinance would allow seismic retrofits, safety upgrades, and maintenance improvements at existing facilities, all located in the Fruit Valley neighborhood. The policy would allow existing facilities to convert to cleaner fuels.

As an incentive, facilities that convert to cleaner fuels would be allowed to expand storage by 15 percent if they meet safety and seismic upgrade standards and obtain a conditional use permit from the city.

City staff recommend that Vancouver require a conditional use permit — which involves public notice and a public hearing — for “cleaner” fuel facilities that store 60,000 gallons or more in Vancouver’s industrial areas, whether new facilities or expansions at existing facilities.

We strongly support this requirement for public engagement and a more robust evaluation of facilities, which can involve the storage of flammable, sometimes toxic, non-fossil fuels near the Columbia River and Vancouver neighborhoods. The staff’s proposed language allows community voices to review and shape these projects that would be located nearby, while allowing room for the city’s transition to cleaner energy.

The reasons to act are clear: people in Vancouver experience environmental health risks far too often, and these impacts disproportionately fall on Black, Indigenous and people of color, lower income, and otherwise marginalized communities. Vancouver needs better protections to lessen the harm of fossil fuel pollution on citizens who already bear the brunt of fossil fuel pollution. According to the Washington Department of Health, some areas of Vancouver are among the worst in the state for environmental health disparities, including smog exposure and other hazards associated with fossil fuel use.

In making its decision, we urge the Vancouver City Council to stand firm to protect the health and safety of its residents by resisting industry pressure to water down the prohibition on large-scale fossil fuel facilities. Terminal operators would also like to limit the community's voice in new energy projects. These changes would undermine the health and safety goals of the proposed ordinance. City council should reject such changes, in favor of the staff's recommendation.

The Columbian's Editorial Board neatly summarized the importance of the fossil fuel ordinance in August: "Prohibiting new fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when our nation must move toward clean energy is a logical next step. It would reflect the kind of community we wish to have."

We couldn't agree more. The ordinance deserves unanimous support as currently written.

This op-ed was submitted by: Heidi Cody, Alliance for Community Engagement; Cathryn Chudy, Sierra Club Loo Wit; Monica Zazueta, League of United Latin American Citizens, Sunrise SWWA; Dan Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Rebecca Ponzio, Climate and Fossil Fuel Program Director, Washington Environmental Council/Washington Conservation Voters.

Text of comment petition:

Dear Vancouver City Councilmembers:

Thank you for your commitment to protecting community health and safety by pursuing a permanent ordinance prohibiting new or expanded large-scale fossil fuel facilities. I urge you to continue to move this work forward and ensure that this policy centers frontline communities already facing disparate environmental health and safety impacts created by fossil fuel facilities.

The current moratorium appropriately prohibits any new or expanded bulk fossil fuel projects on the basis of a wide range of health, safety, and quality of life concerns created by the storage, transfer, processing, and handling of fossil fuels in the City. The proposed permanent fossil fuel ordinance must safeguard community safety and health by avoiding loopholes that allow for fossil fuel expansions.

I urge the City Council to require facilities converting to cleaner fuels or establishing new cleaner fuel facilities to obtain a conditional use permit. This review process provides important safeguards for addressing seismic risks, public safety hazards, and averting fuel spill impacts. The public deserves to have a say in any flammable, toxic fuel storage near Vancouver's neighborhoods and the Columbia River.

By passing this ordinance, Vancouver can avert dangerous facilities like LPG train terminals, LNG train terminals, or coal facilities. I support the ordinance moving forward.

Thank you,

(See below for a table of comment petition signers, many of whom added short comments of their own.)

First Name	Last Name	City	State	Zip Code	Comment
Mary	Slowik	Vancouver	WA	98663-1008	Dear Vancouver City Commission: We do not need bulk fossil fuel facilities in or near our port. The port and the waterfront is flourishing without them, and those of use who live on the bluff above Vancouver Lake or who travel along Highway 14 want to do so in safety. We also want climate change to be the primary issue when considering the current moratorium, and keeping it strong and unamended, into the future. Thank you for listening to our voices.
John	Cruz	Vancouver	WA	98664-2836	Please take note: A fossil fuel ordinance gives us all an important opportunity to help Vancouver avert pollution, health impacts, and safety risks in neighborhoods that already rank among Washington's worst in environmental health disparities.
Heidi	Cody	Vancouver	WA	98664-5432	Our fossil fuel ordinance is meant to protect community health and safety. It is not meant to grease the skids for industry. Expanding polluting, flammable projects close to Fruit Valley is dangerous. Even if they're called cleaner fuels, the public has a right to weigh in on these projects through a CUP process before they get approved. Please don't lose track of the original intent of the ordinance. Thank you.
Susan	Schwartz	Vancouver	WA	98660	I see too many tanker trucks going by my by my apartment living room window.
Mona	McNeil	Vancouver	WA	98686-1533	I am proud of Vancouver's efforts to move away from fossil fuels and protect our environment. The climate crisis is urgent and needs you to do all you can. Thanks for your good work so far.
Beverly	Thomas	Vancouver	WA	98685-4113	

Michelle	Maani	Vancouver	WA	98685-2762	
CAROLYN	SOWDON	Vancouver	WA	98684-5704	Let's keep Vancouver, WA a healthy place for its people to live by saying 'no' to fossil fuel facilities. Thank you!
Jill	Boyer-Quick	Vancouver	WA	98661-6620	
Mark	Moerman	Vancouver	WA	98684-7852	
Frank	Marre	Vancouver	WA	98683-7691	Dear Sirs/Madams: Thank you for keeping our community, safe, clean and oriented towards a green fossil fuel free future. As a public health physician, I understand not only the economic importance of a green future but more importantly the human/environmental health imperative of a clean green future.
Tingwin	Chou	Vancouver	WA	98664-1681	
John	Baughner	Vancouver	WA	98685-1561	
Pat	Rucker	Vancouver	WA	98661-5336	
Sarah	Collmer	Vancouver	WA	98660-2420	
Jane	McDowell	Vancouver	WA	98682-8615	For the health and safety of the citizens of Clark county and particularly Vancouver, I urge you to vote no. Do not allow this to happen in our city
Luan	Pinson	Vancouver	WA	98664-1762	
Julie	Krieger	Vancouver	WA	98661-1036	
Barbara	Hedges	Vancouver	WA	98663-1543	
Cheryl	Gavin	Vancouver	WA	98686-4119	I will be watching carefully how City Council and planning commission act on this.
Angela	Taylor	Vancouver	WA	98660-2545	
Judith	Heath	Vancouver	WA	98663-1637	
Jill	Hawtrey	Vancouver	WA	98683-1847	
Gavin	Brinck	Vancouver	WA	98661-4644	I support less fossil fuels in Vancouver, and less large polluting industry.
Marta	Benson	Vancouver	WA	98661-1357	
Nelson	Brady	Vancouver	WA	98683-6674	

Merilee	Frets	Vancouver	WA	98683-7032	We wholeheartedly endorse efforts to keep Vancouver in a leadership position with regards to reducing environmental and social risks associated with transportation and storage of fossil fuels. Conditional use permits are just part of that process to safeguard our beautiful community and its neighborhoods.
Susan	Hoffman	Vancouver	WA	98682-7326	
Julie	Grobelny	Vancouver	WA	98661-3927	banning large scale fossil fuel industry here in our town is important to keep our community safe and thriving. Let's keep environmental disasters out of our community.
Nancy	Shaw	Vancouver	WA	98661-5601	
Tim	Rajeff	Vancouver	WA	98682-6790	Besides working in an industry that relies on cold clean water for our customers to recreate in, I live in a part of the city that could be devastated if there were an accident involving a large fossil fuel facility at the Vancouver port. I support any and all plans that move away from fossil fuel consumption and distribution and applaud the city's efforts to move towards a future without Fossil fuels.
Tim	Emineth	Vancouver	WA	98661-6647	
Celia	Cruz	Vancouver	WA	98664	Simply: Please pass this ordinance to avert the environmental dangers facing us all.
Karen	Wood	Vancouver	WA	98682	
Sarah	Martin	Vancouver	WA	98685-2417	
Jane	Nicolai	Vancouver	WA	98664-5385	Preventing a disaster is easier than recovering from one. Vancouver can avert dangerous facilities like LPG train terminals, LNG train terminals, or coal facilities. by requiring a conditional use permit.

Cathryn	Chudy	Vancouver	WA	98663-2807	I appreciate all the work the city staff and Council have done to keep Vancouver safe from bulk fossil fuel facilities since 2020 with the Moratorium which will be replaced with an updated ordinance that must continue to provide protections that are critical for ensuring the health and safety of our community. I support a strong ordinance that not only prohibits new bulk fossil fuel facilities but also sets crucial standards that must be followed for allowing conversions to 'cleaner' fuels and permitting smaller facilities that could possibly still involve risks to those most vulnerable.' The Conditional Use Permit is a necessary part of the protections that our community must have in place in order to ensure sufficient, careful, forward-thinking oversight, transparency, and public engagement in the process as we transition away from fossil fuels and towards cleaner ways to power our transportation system, while retaining the underlying health and safety of our community.
Vokouhi	Hovagimian	Vancouver	WA	98685-2025	We cannot afford risks. Remember the Wisconson tragedy.
Mary	Blackburn	Vancouver	WA	98663-1829	
Mark	Muenster	Vancouver	WA	98663-2211	The City should also move forward on phasing out 2 cycle gas leaf blowers and trimmers, which would cut down on noise pollution as well as air pollution.
Karen	Genest	Vancouver	WA	98683-4311	We need your support to protect our communities, now and for future generations. Thank you.
Renee	Bourgea	Vancouver	WA	98686-5772	Use permits should be standard and required for obtaining consent for facilities wishing to to convert to cleaner fuels.

Ruth	Flemming	Vancouver	WA	98664-4367	I worry about trail derailments like what happened in the Gorge as well as the predicted large earthquake. Remember that entire area is liquification area in the event of an earthquake.
Hannah	Liu	Vancouver	WA	98686-2258	
Nicole	Mortara	Vancouver	WA	98683-9208	
Jean	Avery	Vancouver	WA	98683-6595	Let's keep fossil fuels out of Vancouver.
Chad	Stemm	Vancouver	WA	98665-7428	
Lucille	Ausman	Vancouver	WA	98660	Please do not allow this project. I live in downtown Vancouver and this will directly impact my health and safety.
Elizabeth	Brinkley	Vancouver	WA	98661-7635	
Keisha	Landers	Vancouver	WA	98665-6205	
donna	joslyn	Vancouver	WA	98665-6145	We have to stop fouling our own nest.
Nan	Flaaten	Vancouver	WA	98684-4945	
Laurie	Rubin	Vancouver	WA	98664	It is vital to ban all fossil fuel expansion and move to zero fossil fuel use ASAP.
Emilie	Olson	Vancouver	WA	98683	
Alan	Unell	Vancouver	WA	98685-2025	We cannot afford risks. Remember the Wisconson tragedy.
Michele	Schindler	Vancouver	WA	98663-1741	Our community must look forward to a cleaner future, not backward to dirty, outdated energy sources. A permanent ban would protect our community from the last gasps of a behind-the-times industry. Protect the future for our children now.
Mark	Leed	Vancouver	WA	98661-5176	Please pass as robust an ordinance as possible, and require a conditional use permit for facilities converting to cleaner fuels.
	W. Bruce Cook	Vancouver	WA	98662-1009	
Keith	Scheid	Vancouver	WA	98685-1102	

Phyllis	Moses	Vancouver	WA	98664	Fossil fuels are as old as dinosaurs...and obsolete! We need new clean, sustainable energy. I'm interested in my health, my neighbors health, my sons' health, and most importantly - the health of my grandchildren and all the next generations to come!
Linda	Neth	Vancouver	WA	98668-2039	Please don't dilute this ordinance. Thanks.
Brenda	Gardner	Vancouver	WA	98685-3151	I am opposed to any new oil or gas facilities in my community!
Mari	Stephenson	Vancouver	WA	98661-6672	We need to take all steps possible to slow climate change.
Elizabeth	Verbeck	Vancouver	WA	98660-2208	Let's put this matter to bed once and for all!
Robert	Joslyn	Vancouver	WA	98665-6145	
Laura	Clarson	Vancouver	WA	98660-2546	
Ben	Bierman	Vancouver	WA	98683-5710	Think about the future of Vancouver, will it grow best with more riverfront developing as the current Vancouver Waterfront has, or by hosting giant, polluting industrial facilities that employ very few people and pay little taxes on a per acre basis while depressing property values for all city residents?
Sarah	Hafer	Vancouver	WA	98684-5913	
Lehman	Holder	Vancouver	WA	98664-2411	As a longtime Vancouver resident, I strongly support this permanent ordinance moving our city toward cleaner fuels. Heartfelt thanks for your efforts.
Dan	Wilson	Vancouver	WA	98661-5505	This is the perfect time and opportunity for Vancouver to make a major step forward and visual statement that the City supports a future vision that is void of fossil fuels . We are becoming a positive environmental example of a truly liveable city in every sense of the word .
Rachel	Tramontini	Vancouver	WA	98683	
Janet	Hedgepath	Vancouver	WA	98660-1619	
Steven	Campana	Vancouver	WA	98663-2078	Climate change is real. I support making the moratorium permanent. :)

Bonnie	Bingle	Vancouver	WA	98665-0903	This is not a NIMBY wish. This is for the whole earth
Pauline	Igoe	Tacoma	WA	98465-1603	
Julie	Anderson	Stevenson	WA	98648-6038	
Jim	Byrne	Ridgefield	WA	98642-9139	Avoid fuels passing through Vancouver. Make them get a CUP, better yet just prohibit. Jim
Tracy	Ceravolo	Ridgefield	WA	98642-9597	
JL	Angell	Rescue	CA	95672-9411	
Camilla	Bishop	Hood River	OR	97031-1124	Thank you for taking care of the environment and our citizens, plants, and animals' health.
Julie	Martinson	Everett	WA	98201-1114	This permanent ordinance would protect the waters and air around the mouth of the Columbia, and all people and living creatures of the entire area. We need to convert from gas and oil to clean energy to protect our whole planet, starting as soon as possible.
Lyndee	cunningham	Camas	WA	98607-1268	Cheers to keeping our Vancouver clean, green and healthy!
Sherry	Fitzpatrick	Brush Prairie	WA	98606	No fossil fuel here in Port of Vancouver. We are going electric even with our cars Thank you
Kristin	Edmark	Battle Groun	WA	98604-7248	
Thomas	Gordon	Washougal	WA	98671-1129	Dear Members of the Vancouver City Council and Staff: My wife and I live in Washougal and don't want fossil fuel trains coming through our town or into Vancouver. Several years ago, I was stuck in traffic on Highway 14 as the oil train burned in Mosier, Or. I was amazed that the fire did not spread to the school a short distance away, and the wind was not blowing which would have scattered embers all over the hillsides and started a massive fire. Such luck can be counted on in the future. Anything that can be done to eliminate the chance of fossil train fires on either side of the Columbia River is a great idea. Thank You, Tom Gordon

From: [Holli Johnson](#)
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Dear City of Vancouver Council,

Enclosed here are Western States Petroleum Association comments as they pertain to the City of Vancouver Fossil Fuel code changes (Item #11 on October 3 agenda).

Please let me know if you would like additional information pertaining to our comments and issues with the code changes.

Thank you,

[Holli Johnson](#)

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October 3, 2022

Via Email:
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Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle and
Vancouver City Council Members
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Re: Western States Petroleum Association Comments on the City of Vancouver's Proposed Fossil Fuel Zoning Code Amendments

Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and City Council Members:

Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the City of Vancouver (the "City") on its revised Fossil Fuel Code Standards Proposal (the "Proposal"). The Proposal consists of proposed zoning code amendments, City Council version (revised September 6, 2022).

WSPA is a nonprofit trade association representing companies that explore for, produce, refine, transport, and market petroleum and petroleum products in five western states, including Washington. WSPA members have operated petroleum terminals in the City for many years. These facilities supply fuel to the region, provide critical emergency infrastructure, and have many positive impacts on the economy, including providing family-wage jobs.

Vancouver's industrial districts provide key energy and emergency infrastructure as recognized by various city, state, and federal documents. The Proposal would constrain existing operations and projects for current and near-future regional needs for energy, including the need for lower-emission fuels.

WSPA and operators of facilities targeted by the existing moratorium and the Proposal have previously outlined for the City the significant harm these regulations are having and will continue to have on structure safety, transition to lower-carbon fuels, reduction of greenhouse gases (GHG), improvements to existing infrastructure, and displacement of fuel transportation to less-safe methods—all of which have direct and significant environmental impacts.

The revised Proposal continues to suffer from these defects, and inserts additional uncertainty through vague Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") and mitigation requirements. The CUP and mitigation elements would prevent and discourage safety upgrades and cleaner fuel transitions.

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The current Proposal would make Small Fossil Fuel and Cleaner Fuel Storage and Distribution Facilities subject to this burdensome CUP process.¹ Existing Bulk Fossil Fuel Facilities would not even be able to perform basic “[m]aintenance and safety improvements” without going through this Limited Use process.² To our knowledge, no other use in the City of Vancouver is subject to this level of uncertainty, cost, and delay to perform maintenance or safety improvements. This substantially undermines the City’s position that the Proposal is intended to improve health and safety.

These facilities play an integral role in the local, state, and regional economies. The discretionary CUP and Limited Use processes unnecessarily restricts operational flexibility and creates a strong disincentive and potential impediments to facility improvements that are required to respond to market demands for different products (including cleaner fuels) and other important improvements at the refineries that are necessary for safety, efficiency, and environmental protection. WSPA respectfully asks the City to reconsider and reevaluate the CUP and Limited Use requirement to eliminate these disincentives and impediments.

Similarly, the Proposal inserts uncertain assessment and mitigation requirements for Existing Bulk Fossil Fuel Facilities that seek to expand to provide cleaner fuels. For these clean-fuel transition projects, the applicant must provide expert emission evaluation “to the satisfaction of the Planning Official.”³ This gives such applicants no guidance on what might ultimately be required, how long it will take, and whether ultimate approval is even feasible. The Proposal further requires an applicant to provide mitigation to address the cleaner-fuel project’s indirect emissions.⁴ There is again no guidance on what mitigation would be sufficient, how much it would cost, or if it is even feasible. This will have the undesired effect of preventing or at least discouraging cleaner-fuel projects.

The Proposal would create substantial barriers to fuel facility upgrades that would improve safety, lower facility emissions, and allow for the introduction of new fuel technology. Each time fuels with lower emissions are developed or required by a governmental entity, new or updated infrastructure is needed to provide that fuel. The Proposal would prohibit improvements and beneficial innovation to the City’s fuel infrastructure. Its effect is to freeze the current fuel supply system in place. Further, by uniformly blocking new fuel infrastructure in the City, the Proposal would force fuel distribution into less-efficient routes around the City and by modes such as truck distribution that would increase GHG and other emissions.

In summary, the Proposal affects the City’s fuel facilities in the following ways:

- Prevents and discourages fuel facility equipment upgrades necessary to meet market demand or comply with lower-emission federal and state fuels law;
- Discourages fuel facility safety upgrades, which most often occur concurrently with market-based infrastructure expansion and improvement;

¹ Proposed VMC 20.440.030.B.37

² Id.

³ Proposed VMC 20.895.110.F.3.e

⁴ Id.

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- Prevents fuel facility efficiency upgrades that generally reduce GHG emissions, in contravention to the Proposal's climate change prevention goals;
- Discourages transition of the City's fuel facilities to newer, lower-carbon-fuel sources;
- Prevents the introduction of future technologies that do not fit within the current fossil-fuel infrastructure framework;
- Prohibits new fuel tanks for blended fuels that transition toward lower-carbon-fuel sources;
- Prevents market-based fuel facility upgrades that would trigger seismic safety improvements and retrofits; and
- Forces fuel facilities to stay in areas with heightened seismic and groundwater risk by prohibiting fuel suppliers from relocating facilities to areas that have lower seismic risk and lower risk of impacting City groundwater resources.

In short, the Proposal freezes existing infrastructure in place and prohibits beneficial changes to fuel infrastructure. If the Proposal had been passed 20 or 30 years ago, the City would have missed out on years of safety and emissions improvements, which would have resulted in higher emissions and less-safe facilities today. The effect of the Proposal is to increase emissions and decrease safety over time. The Proposal fails to deliver, and in fact hinders, its intended benefits of reducing emissions and improving local safety.

We respectfully request that the City reconsider its approach to regulating fuel facilities. The Proposal would have the undesired effect of making the City's fuel infrastructure less safe and more carbon-intensive over time by blocking and discouraging projects that would increase safety and reduce emissions. The uncertainty, delay, and costs imposed by the Proposal would result in the City's freezing its fuel infrastructure in its current condition.

Sincerely,



cc: Jodie Muller, WSPA
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Dear City Councilmembers Vancouver,

Thank you for your work to protect community health and safety from new and expanded fossil fuel facilities. As you finalize the details of this critical ordinance, I urge you to focus on banning new and expanded large-scale fossil fuels facilities and on ensuring a thorough and transparent 'conditional use permit' review process for any changes at these facilities and any new 'cleaner' facilities.

Our fossil fuel ordinance seeks to protect the health and safety of the community members hardest hit by the pollution from industry and from our fossil fuel economy. This ordinance should address this problem and clearly ban new and expanded fossil fuel terminals storage and handling facilities.

The ordinance should also use the conditional use permit process, as well as strong special use requirements including seismic upgrades, spill prevention, fire response plans, and financial assurance.

To this end, I urge you to

- 1) Pass the staff recommendation around banning bulk fossil fuel terminals;
- 2) Ensure there is a meaningful conditional use permit process for any changes or new facilities; and
- 3) Follow through on tracking and enforcing the code to ensure the community, and particularly the Fruit Valley neighborhood has the ability to engage in decisions that directly impact their health and safety.

Thank you for your work to protect our community.

Regards,
Sally Keely

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Kent Daussin

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Dear Mayor & City Council Members,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the proposed changes to SE 34th St between SE 164th Ave & SE 192nd Ave. As you are aware, this is a thoroughfare that is made up of two lanes of traffic in each direction. The proposal before you reduces this roadway to one lane in each direction, with the addition of a "Multi-Use" mobility lane with a safety barrier separating the two. This section of road has been identified as dangerous to bicyclists and other individuals that travel this roadway. That this section should be altered because there is a lack of other routes for bicyclists and other users to travel between SE 164th & 192nd Aves. This is clearly false, what the committee failed to recognize is there are three parallel routes in close proximity to SE 34th St. SE 29th, SE 20th, and SE 15th streets all have mobility lanes that travel between SE 164th & SE 192nd avenues.

I don't see the need to make every city street, and medium-density road equipped with mobility lanes at the expense of automobile travel. In my view, healthy cities are much like the human body. You need major arteries, medium-density arteries, and small veins to efficiently distribute the blood to all parts of the body. If you about it, cities have the same needs. You can't put everyone on the major arteries and then funnel them down to the small veins you will cause backups that create safety issues. SE 34th St. is for a lack of a better term a medium-density artery. Its purpose is to expedite the travel of the neighborhood residents out of the neighborhoods to the major arteries, schools, and shopping centers in a safe efficient way.

The SE 34th St Safety & Mobility project will create traffic delays, increase travel through the neighborhoods, and make the neighborhood streets the SE 34 St serves more dangerous. The committee claims they have done traffic studies that include the future development of the Vancouver Innovation Center, and the vacant land on SE 39th St. that is slated to get 90-100 new homes in the near future. I openly question if any of these studies were done with pre-Covid numbers in mind. Not one of the neighbors I have spoken to believes these statements. I attended a zoom call hosted by the committee, and not one person on that call was in favor of this project. I have posted two articles on the local Next-door Neighbor website and not one person was in favor of this project. I have lived in the Fishers Landing neighborhood since 2005 and it is my personal opinion that this project will be a complete disaster.

The following are my points against this project:

- As mentioned above, there are three alternative close routes with mobility lanes to be used instead of SE 34 St.
- It is not uncommon to sit and wait on westbound SE 34th St. at SE 164th Ave for two left-hand turn light cycles before getting through the intersection. It was worse Pre-Covid.
- The intersection at SE 164th Ave. was so backed up the city determined that not only do we need two left-hand turn lanes, but they should sign them indicating what each lane is designated for.
- The current plan has reduced the westbound lanes at SE 164th to one left turn lane, one pass-through lane, and one right turn lane. All are to be fed from one lane back at SE 168th Ave. When residents routinely have to sit through three and four light cycles at SE 164th Ave. they will find alternate routes

through the neighborhoods. This isn't speculation, it is already being discussed.

- In addition to reducing the lanes down to one lane in each direction, the plan calls for the city buses to stop in the only travel lane left to the automobiles to pick up and drop off passengers. There are four stops in each direction on this section of the road. That is an insult to injury.

- The addition of aggressive safety curbs alongside the travel lanes to create a barrier for the safety lane is irresponsible, to say the least. My wife and I have been witness to a horrendous accident on Tech Center Drive involving a motorist hitting one of these curbs and careening into a tree at the roadside. If the barrier is going to be eight feet wide, why would you need to have such an aggressive barrier?

- The image on the city website depicting the intersection at SE 176 Ave is deceiving. It is not representative of the center median that currently exists on SE 34th St. The center median is over fifteen feet in width. It could be reduced to make enough room for a bike lane if needed.

When I look at the city website it pretty much looks like this is a done deal. You all have your schedules made, and timelines set for construction. This looks completely like lip service. Many of the residents have expressed their displeasure with the city publicly showing themselves as open, and inviting public opinion when everything else on your website indicates otherwise.

This project is a mistake, it will have disastrous effects on the surrounding neighborhoods and you will be forced through necessity to correct it in the near future.

Thank you for your time,

Dennis Hite

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