



## 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

## August 21, 2023

### WORKSHOPS

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

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### **4:30-5:00 p.m. Commission on Aging Update**

*Jenna Kay, Planner with Clark County*

#### **Summary**

Clark County staff member, Jenna Kay, led Council through a discussion of the Commission on Aging Update with Commission on Aging Commissioners, Larry Smith and Ken Lund.

## **5:00-6:00 p.m. Heights District Update**

*Patrick Quinton, Economic Development Director, 360-487-7845*

### **Summary**

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Heights District Update.

**Councilmember Hansen was absent for the Workshops.**

## **COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

### **COUNCIL REGULAR 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](http://www.cvtv.org) and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/VancouverUS](http://www.facebook.com/VancouverUS). Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.*

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Hansen

**Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen,**

**and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmember Hansen.**

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes - August 7, 2023

**Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of August 7, 2023.**

## **Community Communications**

Mayor McEnery-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA

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

## **Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)**

Council requested item 1 be pulled for discussion.

**Council chose to remand Item 1 back to staff to be brought back to Council at a later date.**

**Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve items 2 and 3 on the Consent Agenda.**

### **1. Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission Cultural Grant Proposals**

Staff Report: 155-23

**A RESOLUTION** awarding City of Vancouver cultural grants for 2023 as recommended by the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission.

*On April 16, 2018, the City Council adopted a new Culture, Arts and Heritage Plan. The plan lays out three elements in its six-year action plan, one of which is to "Build Cultural Capacity." Restarting the City's cultural grant program was identified as a key action to reach that goal, under Objective 1.3: Expand City-supported arts and cultural programs.*

*The City launched the new cultural grant program in July 2019 and received sixteen grant applications from non-profit and governmental*

*organizations, awarding a total of \$122,255. A range of projects were supported including the creation of historical exhibits, installation of sculptures and murals, and interactive experiences including performances and cultural events, among others. Funding for the program was redirected in spring 2020 as the City responded to early financial impacts of the pandemic.*

*Funding for the cultural grant program was restored in the 2023-2024 biennial budget process. This allowed the City to relaunch the cultural grant program in April 2023 and we received nineteen grant applications from non-profit and governmental organizations totaling \$158,965. The Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission reviewed the proposals based on the following criteria: proposals should elevate Vancouver's livability, foster a vibrant and diverse community, exemplify the best of Vancouver's creative community, and demonstrate innovative collaboration. The Commission voted on the proposals at its July 13, 2023, meeting and is recommending funding for fifteen of the grants, at a total of \$92,100. The funding is on a reimbursable basis and grant recipients must enter into a grant agreement with the City. The Cultural, Art and Heritage Commission also recommended a direct commitment of \$25,000 to the Vancouver Art and Music Festival. This Festival is one of the Commission's highest priorities and the committed funds will specifically support a number of local artists who are performing at the festival. Funding that is not being allocated to this year's projects will be rolled into next year's program.*

Request: On August 21, 2023, approve the 2023 cultural grants as recommended by the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute grant agreements with the grant recipients.

*Stacey Donovan, Cultural Services Manager, 360-487-8630*

**Item remanded back to staff.**

## **2. Washington State Department of Transportation Grant for Pearson Field**

Staff Report: 156-23

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the City of Vancouver, through the City Manager, to accept a Washington State Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, Airport Aid Program grant to fund the installation of a 125.5 KW Solar Panel System project at Pearson Field Airport.

*The City of Vancouver has received a grant offer from the WSDOT to fund the Solar Panel System project at Pearson Field Airport in 2023. The project includes the installation of a 125.5KW Solar Panel System. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$250,000. The WSDOT grant will pay for 95% of the project. The City, through the Pearson Field budget, would be*

*responsible for the remaining 5%. The grant requires a resolution indicating the City Council's authorization for the grant. Although the offer states that it must be accepted by August 4, 2023, WSDOT has granted the City an extension to August 21, 2023, to review and accept.*

Request: On August 21, 2023, approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a Washington State Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, Airport Aid Program grant for the installation of a 125.5KW Solar Panel System at Pearson Field.

*Guy Lennon, Airport Manager, 360-487-8619*

**Motion adopted Resolution M-4243 to approve the request.**

**3. Approval of Claim Vouchers**

Request: Approve claim vouchers for August 21, 2023.

**Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$8,860,884.81.**

**Public Hearings (Item 4-6)**

**4. Adoption of updates to Procurement Ordinance, Vancouver Municipal Code 3.05**

Staff Report: 151-23

**AN ORDINANCE** of the City of Vancouver relating to the amendment of city procurement requirements set forth in Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 3.05; adopting legislative findings; adding VMC Section 3.05.015 to clarify the applicability of federal procurement standards; amending certain sections of VMC Chapter 3.05 to simplify and clarify code language, incorporate best practices, adjust procurement thresholds, and reflect recent changes in state law; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

*This item was presented for second reading and public hearing on August 14, 2023. However, review of the meeting minutes revealed that there was no motion or second calling for adoption of this ordinance. As a result, this matter has been noticed for an additional public hearing and final consideration on August 21, 2023, so as to provide an opportunity for final passage without procedural irregularities.*

*The City updated its Procurement Ordinance in 2010, and again in 2012 and 2016. Staff has reviewed the current ordinance and proposes several changes to create consistency, transparency, and efficiencies throughout the procurement process. Changes proposed in this ordinance update include:*

- *Section 3.05.015 Federal Funding and Grants – New section to be added to address the use of federal funds.*
- *Section 3.05.030 Emergency Procurement – Authorization – Update language to be consistent with the applicable RCW.*
- *Section 3.05.040 Special Market Conditions – Removal of several items from the list of special market conditions to be consistent with best practices and other agencies of similar size.*
- *Section 3.05.055 Contract Amendments – Update the section to make consistent with current policy/practice for Construction projects.*
- *Section 3.05.100 Competitive Processes – Purchase of supplies, materials or equipment or services other than professional services – When Required – Update this section to remove the references to services throughout to create efficiencies and provide consistency. Update thresholds.*
- *Section 3.05.200 Professional Services – Defined – Update the name of this section to Services to create efficiencies and provide consistency.*
- *Section 3.05.210 Competitive Solicitation and Approval of Professional Service Contracts – Update the name of this section to Services to create efficiencies and provide consistency. Updates in this section also include removing the expedited informal procurement process to be consistent with current practice and remove the language that allows for not advertising projects to help increase participation and transparency.*
- *Section 3.05.240 When Bids are Required for Public Works and Improvements – Update the language to be consistent with 2019 legislative updates.*

*Staff is also recommending updating thresholds throughout the ordinance to be consistent with federal thresholds and other agencies of similar size. In addition to these changes there are several changes for general clean-up and consistency with current practices.*

*Staff recommends approving the updated version of the City Procurement Ordinance, Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 3.05.*

Request: On Monday, August 21, 2023, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve the updated version of the City Procurement Ordinance, Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 3.05.

*Anna Vogel, Procurement Manager, 360-487-8429*

Anna Vogel, Procurement Manager, was available for questions about the Adoption of the Updates to the Procurement Ordinance.

Council discussed the item briefly.

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

- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA
- Sylvia Trujillo, Vancouver

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

**Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4417.**

## 5. **Dog Kennel Standards Update**

Staff Report: 153-23

**AN ORDINANCE** relating to Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 8 and Title 20 concerning the regulation of dog kennels and related provisions; amending VMC 8.24, VMC 20.160, and VMC 20.895; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

- *Kennels/Shelters are currently defined by Title 20 to exclude dog day care and are allowed in most commercial and industrial zoning districts with no limit on facility size in terms of number of dogs allowed.*
- *Title 8 currently requires annual licensing and fees subject to review and approval by Clark County Animal Control. Kennel/shelter facilities must be structurally sound and maintained, designed to prevent injury, and provide adequate standing, resting, and turning space. Bedding, refrigeration, washrooms, waste removal, sickness, feeding and exercise provisions required. Indoor facilities require adequate heat, ventilation, light, drainage, and overall cleanliness. Outdoor facilities require weather protection, space for exercise, and drainage.*
- *Proposed Title 20 changes were unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at a June 13 public hearing at which no public testimony was offered. No vote was taken on Title 8 changes which are outside of Commission review authority.*

Request: On August 21, 2023, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve the attached ordinance.

*Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 360-487-7946*

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the Dog Kennel Standards Update.

Council discussed the item with staff.

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

- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA

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

**Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4418.**

## 6. **Downtown Building Footprint Zoning Code Change**

Staff Report: 154-23

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 20 and limitations on the size of downtown building footprints in certain situations; amending VMC 20.630; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

- *VMC 20.630.050 regulates building footprints and heights. In most areas where maximum heights are expressed in a range, footprints of any upper building floors located at more than 50% above the lower end of the height range are restricted to 12,000 square feet.*
- *In one multi-block area alongside lower Main Street, footprints of all floors on buildings taller than 100 feet are also limited to 12,000 square feet, with a stated intent of facilitating adequate space and light downtown.*
- *Potential removal of the footprint limitations was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission at a May 23, 2023, public hearing with no public testimony offered, and discussed without objection at an April 19 Vancouver Downtown Association meeting.*

Request: On August 21, 2023, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve the attached ordinance.

*Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 360-487-7946*

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the Downtown Building Footprint Zoning Code Change.

Council discussed the item with staff.

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

- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA
- Sylvia Trujillo, Vancouver

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

**Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4419.**

## Communications

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

## Adjournment

7:20 p.m.

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*Anne McEnerny-Ogle*  
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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:  
*Natasha Ramras*  
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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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**From:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)  
**To:** [Dollar, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Written comments for City Council meeting  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 11:01:04 AM

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Not sure if I already forwarded this to you but just double checking

*-Amelia*

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**From:** Susan DeLong [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 4:09 PM

**To:** Diana Almy [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Re: Written comments for City Council meeting

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Diana!

This letter is excellently written and so thorough.

Thank you for taking the time to articulate so clearly what is going on at the park and on our street and the crime/dangers that have followed as a result.

Thank you for being our voice as Nikole said.

Let's see what the response will be.

Grateful,

Sue & Mark

On Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 4:38 PM Diana Almy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Vancouver City Council,

My neighbors and I live on SE Rivershore Drive. There is a small undeveloped dead end that the city owns at the end of 164<sup>th</sup> that negatively affects our neighborhood. This space is being

increasingly used for river access by people who, once on the bank of the river, leave the city's small property to cross on to private property owned by residents of Rivershore Drive. Once on the bank of the river, people swim, party and use drugs. Police have been routinely called for disturbances, overnight camping, traffic issues, etc.. Most notably, there have been prowlers and break ins on Rivershore that are linked to the activity at this location.

No Parking signs are clearly posted on the north side of Rivershore Drive. Particularly during the summer months, cars line this side of the street. Sometimes the signs are not visible because they have been intentionally knocked over. When cars park on the north side of the street it creates an inconvenience, a traffic hazard and a safety issue. Congestion caused by parking on both sides of the street prohibits any emergency vehicles such as fire trucks or ambulances from entering Rivershore Drive. This truly is a safety issue.

We are looking for a long term solution. The police have been highly considerate with our repeated calls, but they have higher priorities. Several neighbors called the afternoon of August 14<sup>th</sup> due to the parking hazard. The Police did not arrive until around 10pm at night. VPD officer Ripp apologized but explained he had other critical issues with higher priority. He mentioned that violence in Vancouver has been increasing. We as residents have experienced the increase in crime in the last few years.

There has to be a remedy. We all know what a park looks like, this is not a park. It is access to other people's private property. As neighbors, we are frustrated.

Frankly, most of the Rivershore residents would love to see this tiny undeveloped space closed. There are two actual parks nearby; Wintler Community Park and Camas/Washougal Cottonwood Beach. In light of the VPD policy of non-response to large-scale parking violations and crime associated with people accessing private property, please provide your best thoughts on a way forward for residents of Rivershore Drive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana Almy

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**From:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)  
**To:** [Arenz, Julie](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Main Street Public Transport  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 9:22:23 AM

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We received this in the CMO inbox

-Amelia

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**From:** Carol Evans [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 3:59 PM  
**To:** Hansen, Bart <B.Hansen@cityofvancouver.us>; Stober, Ty <T.Stober@cityofvancouver.us>; Paulsen, Erik <E.Paulsen@cityofvancouver.us>; Fox, Sarah <S.Fox@cityofvancouver.us>; Perez, Diana <D.Perez@cityofvancouver.us>; Harless, Kim <K.Harless@cityofvancouver.us>; City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>; McEnerny-Ogle, Anne <A.McEnerny-Ogle@cityofvancouver.us>; Transportation and Mobility Commission Agenda Calendar <TransMobilityCommissionAgendaCal@cityofvancouver.us>; Brum, Teresa <Teresa.Brum@cityofvancouver.us>; Arenz, Julie <Julie.Arenz@cityofvancouver.us>; Lopossa, Ryan <ryan.lopossa@cityofvancouver.us>; jirving@mackaysposito.com; Kennedy, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kennedy@cityofvancouver.us>; Michael Walker <director@vdausa.org>; admin@vdausa.org; Cooley, William <William.Cooley@cityofvancouver.us>; City Small Business Assistance Program <smallbusiness@cityofvancouver.us>  
**Cc:** jasonmcromer@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Main Street Public Transport

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I am writing to express my strong support for the implementation of a public tram system on Main Street, as an alternative to private cars. I believe that such an initiative could significantly enhance our city's transportation infrastructure, reduce traffic congestion, alleviate environmental concerns, and foster a more connected and sustainable community.

The rapid development in downtown Vancouver has led to several challenges that impact the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Congested streets, parking shortages, and the general strain on our roadways are just a few of the issues we face. By introducing a public tram system, connecting the waterfront to uptown, we have the opportunity to address these challenges effectively while simultaneously promoting a cleaner and more efficient urban environment.

Here are some of the key advantages a public tram system would bring to our city:

1. **Traffic Reduction:** A public tram system would encourage people to opt for public transportation, thereby reducing the number of private cars on the road.

This would result in less traffic congestion, shorter travel times, and a more fluid urban experience.

2. **Environmental Benefits:** By utilizing electric or environmentally friendly tram technologies, we can significantly reduce carbon emissions and air pollutants that contribute to climate change and public health issues.
3. **Accessibility:** Trams provide a more accessible mode of transportation for people of all ages and abilities. This inclusivity can enhance community cohesion and ensure that everyone can easily access the city's services, businesses, and cultural hubs.
4. **Economic Growth:** A well-designed tram system can stimulate economic growth by attracting businesses, increasing property values, and making the city more appealing to tourists. Additionally, a thriving public transportation network can reduce the financial burden on individuals who rely on private vehicles.

I personally used the Portland streetcar system many times over many years; to transport out of town clients from their hotels downtown to restaurants and entertainment venues in other parts of town and also on a personal front. I was able to park in one spot for the evening and visit several different locations throughout Portland. As I understand, it is the intent of the Main Street Promise to foster a more user-friendly experience and "increase opportunities for sidewalk commerce". A tram, in lieu of private cars on Main Street will be a big impetus to that goal. Understanding the planning is well underway for The Main Street Promise, I request you consider the potential benefits of implementing a public tram system on Main Street. By taking this step, we can inspire positive change for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Carol Evans

**From:** [Sylvia Trujillo](#)  
**To:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** ADDENDUM PUBLIC COMMENTS - Consent Calendar and Public Hearing Items 4-6  
**Date:** Sunday, August 20, 2023 3:31:21 PM

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My name is Sylvia Trujillo and I live in Vancouver, Washington.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Consent Items and Public Hearing Items 4-6.

With regard to Items 4-6, the City Council adopted the Climate Action Framework in December 2022 with significant stakeholder input. Yet, the metrics on too many of the Strategies and Actions remain too indeterminate and do not ensure the requisite level of accountability to ensure progress toward achieving these goals. Further, we are facing the most daunting public health emergency in modern history. The urgency with which our city, county, state, and nation should address it should be as focused and with the same urgency that we worked to address COVID-19.

While Consent Item #2 concerning the installment of solar panels is an important advancement on the Framework, in the course of this week's City Council meeting there is a lack of acknowledgement and measurement of the City's efforts to meet the Framework's goals and strategies.

This past week in Vancouver (Washington), in northern Washington and Canada, and Hawaii, we have seen the devastating effects of climate change. While extreme heat does not wreck the same visible harm as the fires we have seen, the cumulative effect of climate change on Vancouver residents -- particularly those facing housing insecurity and other structural inequality will drive adverse health consequences that compound. Individuals who work outdoors or need to use public transportation in order to get to work have been exposed to excessive heat. And, this is the proverbial tip of the iceberg. It will only get progressively worse every year.

#### KEY QUESTIONS:

1. How many housing insecure individuals were able to get to cooling centers? What transportation was provided to transport them as the housing insecure are at a high risk of being transportation insecure. What steps were taken to monitor admission to area hospitals for excessive heat consequences?
2. What targets have been set for increasing the tree canopy throughout the city? How has the city partnered with other cities and Clark County to increase the tree canopy in the area? What are the measurements and why is there not a dashboard to provide ongoing transparency to quantify progress towards goals?
3. Why is the City Council not asking each item brought before the City Council include analysis of and update on equity and the Climate Framework?

Reporting and updates require sufficient staffing on the Framework in addition to the resources needed make clear and significant progress on the Framework.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sylvia

On Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 10:09:17 PM PDT, Sylvia Trujillo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

My name is Sylvia Trujillo and I live in Vancouver, Washington. I appreciate the opportunity to provide written comment.

I would offer in-person public comment, but the meeting is scheduled when many adults are working. I respectfully ask the Council to consider the importance of hearing from your constituents as an essential ingredient in a participatory democracy.

#### GLOBAL COMMENTS

I have specific comments on the Commission on Aging Update and the Height Districts Update. I also, however, want to note that last week our community experienced an extreme heat event over a series of days (reaching 105 degrees) that posed a threat to the health and well-being of all Vancouver residents, but most especially older adults, individuals experiencing housing and transportation and utilities insecurity, and disparately impacted communities and individuals facing persistent structural inequality.

Unfortunately, this extreme health event is not isolated and is not expected to be an aberration. Climate change - still treated merely as a "priority" as opposed to an urgent emergency and crisis - means we can expect more frequent extreme heat and it will only get hotter every future Summer. We are sorely unprepared as a city, county, state, region and nation.

And, this extreme event and others around the nation and North America, at a minimum, warrants the City Council's focused attention at **every council meeting on an emergency action plan to mitigate and adapt to climate change**. And, every presentation should include components that address equity and what is being done to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

**Heat kills more in U.S. each year than any other extreme weather event. There are more yearly deaths attributed to heat than to other weather disasters, including floods, hurricanes and tornadoes.**

The above has been in the headlines. And, I was reminded as I drove out a couple of times last week with a case of water in my car that stopping and providing a bottle of water to individuals who were housing insecure or house less is inadequate and we must have organized responses including cooling centers, increased green cover, and building adaptations (such as white roof tops or solar panels on every viable building).

Further, the extreme heat impacted my health and I have a home with an air conditioner yet the air quality worsened my blood pressure. I have resources. I have health insurance. I am housing secure. I can afford utilities. Yet, the extreme heat still impacted me and I struggled with feelings of lethargy after I was outside briefly.

So how is this germane to the updates you are receiving?

1. **The Commission on Aging Update** does not adequately address how efforts will be undertaken to support older adults and their communities including caregivers with regard to the ongoing impact on physical and mental health. The clinical literature is substantial as to the disparate adverse impact of disasters and poor environmental conditions caused by climate change on older persons (and the young and those with disabling conditions). These are complex issues and all city activities must include components to address disparities and climate change and the Commission on Aging Reports should expand and amplify what can be done to mitigate and adapt. The Update should also address equity issues and the disparate impact of caregiving and certain high intensity conditions (such as dementia) on minority communities resulting in, for example, Latinx and Black youth serving as caregivers at much higher rates with adverse consequences on their education in addition to mental and physical health.

2. **Heights District Update** does address some specific issues of equity however is wholly silent on the importance of the development embracing policies to ameliorate climate changes' impact. This could and

should include a discussion of increasing the green canopy, sustainable planting, cooling centers, and other design elements that will reduce the overall heat and specific climate change accelerators.

#### KEY QUESTIONS

- Reportedly, (based on an OPB report) neither Portland nor Seattle have adequate cooling centers. Do we?
- What is the Council doing to turbo charge increasing our green canopy in every neighborhood?
- How are we partnering with the County, Portland and other cities in this region to invest in a specific set of high impact activities to mitigate and adapt to climate change? How is the City partnering with the Vancouver School Board and other governmental agencies?
- What is happening with the local community health clinics that will have more resource needs as climate change impacts the underserved first and takes an extreme toll on their health?
- What resources have been provided to every City department and what charge have they been given to elevate climate change action to a public emergency that poses an existential threat to all of us?

#### CONCLUSION

I do not have children. I have beloved nieces and nephews and grand ones too. There are many young children in my extended family. But, I have no children of my own. I am continually astounded with how sanguine all of the parents around me are with the fiery and deadly world they continue to create for their own children. We literally have the equivalent of a 5 alarm fire. We must act. You must act. We can be the shining light on the hill. And, be an example for the nation.

**From:** [Sylvia Trujillo](#)  
**To:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENTS -Commission on Aging Update and Heights District Update  
**Date:** Saturday, August 19, 2023 10:09:26 PM

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Unfortunately, this extreme health event is not isolated and is not expected to be an aberration. Climate change - still treated merely as a "priority" as opposed to an urgent emergency and crisis - means we can expect more frequent extreme heat and it will only get hotter every future Summer. We are sorely unprepared as a city, county, state, region and nation.

And, this extreme event and others around the nation and North America, at a minimum, warrants the City Council's focused attention at **every council meeting on an emergency action plan to mitigate and adapt to climate change**. And, every presentation should include components that address equity and what is being done to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

**Heat kills more in U.S. each year than any other extreme weather event. There are more yearly deaths attributed to heat than to other weather disasters, including floods, hurricanes and tornadoes.**

The above has been in the headlines. And, I was reminded as I drove out a couple of times last week with a case of water in my car that stopping and providing a bottle of water to individuals who were housing insecure or house less is inadequate and we must have organized responses including cooling centers, increased green cover, and building adaptations (such as white roof tops or solar panels on every viable building).

Further, the extreme heat impacted my health and I have a home with an air conditioner yet the air quality worsened my blood pressure. I have resources. I have health insurance. I am housing secure. I can afford utilities. Yet, the extreme heat still impacted me and I struggled with feelings of lethargy after I was outside briefly.

So how is this germane to the updates you are receiving?

1. **The Commission on Aging Update** does not adequately address how efforts will be undertaken to support older adults and their communities including caregivers with regard to the ongoing impact on

physical and mental health. The clinical literature is substantial as to the disparate adverse impact of disasters and poor environmental conditions caused by climate change on older persons (and the young and those with disabling conditions). These are complex issues and all city activities must include components to address disparities and climate change and the Commission on Aging Reports should expand and amplify what can be done to mitigate and adapt. The Update should also address equity issues and the disparate impact of caregiving and certain high intensity conditions (such as dementia) on minority communities resulting in, for example, Latinx and Black youth serving as caregivers at much higher rates with adverse consequences on their education in addition to mental and physical health.

2. **Heights District Update** does address some specific issues of equity however is wholly silent on the importance of the development embracing policies to ameliorate climate changes' impact. This could and should include a discussion of increasing the green canopy, sustainable planting, cooling centers, and other design elements that will reduce the overall heat and specific climate change accelerators.

## KEY QUESTIONS

- Reportedly, (based on an OPB report) neither Portland nor Seattle have adequate cooling centers. Do we?
- What is the Council doing to turbo charge increasing our green canopy in every neighborhood?
- How are we partnering with the County, Portland and other cities in this region to invest in a specific set of high impact activities to mitigate and adapt to climate change? How is the City partnering with the Vancouver School Board and other governmental agencies?
- What is happening with the local community health clinics that will have more resource needs as climate change impacts the underserved first and takes an extreme toll on their health?
- What resources have been provided to every City department and what charge have they been given to elevate climate change action to a public emergency that poses an existential threat to all of us?

## CONCLUSION

I do not have children. I have beloved nieces and nephews and grand ones too. There are many young children in my extended family. But, I have no children of my own. I am continually astounded with how sanguine all of the parents around me are with the fiery and deadly world they continue to create for their own children. We literally have the equivalent of a 5 alarm fire. We must act. You must act. We can be the shining light on the hill. And, be an example for the nation.

**From:** [Dollar, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Quintrell, Anna](#); [Delapena, Amanda](#); [Nielsen, Kristin](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Submission: City Council Contact Form  
**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:04:37 PM

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Please see the request from a community member below regarding organizations and commissions.

**Sarah Dollar** | Assistant to the City Council  
CITY OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
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City of Vancouver, Washington



# City Council Contact Form

**Submitted date:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - 8:41pm

## Contact Information

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Alec

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Koppes

**Email address:**

[REDACTED]

**Phone number:**

[REDACTED]

**Street address:**

**ZIP code:**

98684

## Inquiry Information

**Subject:**

Request information

**Recipient:**

All of Council

**Message:**

Hello!

My name is Alec Koppes, and my partner and I recently moved to Vancouver, WA. We come from Columbus, OH. I'd love any and all advice for getting involved in civic engagement in Vancouver and learning more about what shapes the heart of the city. Are there organizations or forums you recommend I join? Or perhaps colleagues to speak with? For example, I've read about the Portland Social Club or in my hometown, the Columbus Metropolitan Club. My goal is to learn more about how to get involved in the city's fabric, volunteer, and meet new folks who have a passion for social justice and progress.

Apologies if this is super vague - but would love any thoughts and advice here!

Thanks,

Alec

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**From:** [Dollar, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Mori, Jeff](#)  
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Chief,

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## Inquiry Information

**Subject:**

Request information

**Recipient:**

All of Council

**Message:**

All: The engine revving noise pollution on Waterfront Way needs your attention. Any time between 9 pm and 2 am, nearly every night, the residents along Waterfront Way, including guests at the Indigo and Marriott hotels, are subjected to extremely loud engine revving and tire squealing from scofflaws who operate with impunity. The Vancouver Police are regularly called about this, yet we who live on the waterfront rarely see a police presence, and when they are here they do not seem inclined to enforce the law on the books against engine revving. One police officer I spoke to even denied the existence of this law. See Vancouver Municipal Code Section 7.05.010 regarding public disturbance.

"A. A person is guilty of public disturbance if he or she:

1. Causes a public disturbance or is in possession and control of property on which a public disturbance occurs. The following sounds are determined to be public disturbances:

a. ...

b. The creation of frequent, repetitive, or continuous sounds in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding, or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle, or internal combustion engine within a residential district, so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of owners or possessors of real property."

Take a look at the attached evidence from just last week; you can see the rubber tire residue left on the street. The city has invested millions in this waterfront development but the failure to enforce the law has made living here a nightmare for many residents. Some residents are moving out after only 6 months because they can't get any sleep. Some of the cars park right in front of the residential buildings and just sit there and rev their engines for fun after midnight. Once

resident confronted one of them and was assaulted by the driver. All the police would need to do is wait a little while any night around 11 pm, especially Sunday nights, and they could issue multiple tickets. Many of them have spotters so any time the police show up they disappear. How about sending an unmarked car here now and then? Or increasing the height of speed bumps? The ones in place barely slow down the street racers. Please do something. I would appreciate a response regarding what if anything the police and/or council intend to do to address this problem.

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**From:** [Michael Lary](#)  
**To:** [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Delapena, Amanda](#)  
**Cc:** [Arenz, Julie](#); [Brum, Teresa](#); [Michael Walker](#); [Kennedy, Rebecca](#)  
**Subject:** Main Street Promise Project: Property Owner and Business Owner Insights  
**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 10:20:33 AM  
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Hello Sarah & Amanda,

My name is Michael Lary, and I am the owner of The Source Climbing Gym. Please see the attached letter regarding the Main Street Promise Infrastructure Project. Please share with the mayor, city council, and city manager.

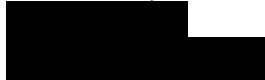
Thank you,

Michael Lary

Volunteer, Main Street Promise Project Advisory Committee

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Source Climbing Center  
Vancouver, WA



Vancouver Washington City Council  
415 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver, WA 98660

8/11/2023

RE: Property Owner and Business Owner Insights for the Main Street Promise Project

Vancouver Washington City Council,

I am writing as a proud Vancouver resident, as well as a downtown property owner and the business owner of the Source Climbing Center in our downtown. I've also had the privilege to be a part of the Project Advisory Committee for the Main Street Promise infrastructure project. The Main Street Promise initiative holds tremendous potential in shaping the future of our city, so I am truly excited to see it move forward! I am also honored to share my insights and recommendations with you.

First and foremost, I wish to acknowledge the importance of addressing the diverse transportation needs of our community. I commute downtown daily using different modes of transportation. A common week for me includes traveling to Main Street on a skateboard, in a car, and riding bikes with my 7 and 9 year old children. While we embrace the evolution of mobility options, it's crucial to recognize that cars remain a predominant mode of transportation for a significant portion of our residents. Consequently, I urge the City Council to ensure that the project's design thoughtfully considers the role of cars in our urban landscape, facilitating ease of access and convenience for all.

While I am a supporter of improving pedestrian and community spaces, I do have concerns about positioning bike corrals and bike lanes on Main Street. I believe that the existing staple racks in the 60% design adequately serve the current demand for bike parking. Additionally, there remains the option to incorporate more bike racks in the future if necessary without encroaching upon the public realm now.

Similarly, the concept of elevated speed tables, while well-intentioned, could impact the cohesiveness of the roadway for future closures. We should remain cautious about measures that might disrupt future transition to temporary pedestrian zones during events or festivals.

I commend the decision to adopt a curbless design for Main Street. This is a balanced approach that provides a foundation for a future-proof roadway. The adaptability and flexibility offered by this design choice will allow Main Street to evolve with changing transportation needs, and

possibly facilitate a complete closure when we reach the point in time where it would prove successful.

While a permanent roadway closure is appealing, it's important to acknowledge that the current state of Main Street lacks the necessary urban fabric (i.e. density of active retail, existing architecture) to support such a transformation. For now, the 600 and 1000 blocks are prime candidates for festival streets that can provide for temporary closures. These areas can provide the necessary setting to host events and bring our community together.

Again, I have been a bike-commuter to downtown for more than a decade. Our business was an early adopter of the Bike Vancouver program in 2012, and we support more people biking in our downtown. Still, I hope other accessibility issues do not get overshadowed. We need public restrooms, common trash areas, and drop-off zones.

Accessibility to businesses like The Source Climbing Center is a crucial aspect of our community's vitality. For example, families that participate in our after-school programs depend on a convenient drop-off, and retaining our existing pickup zone would undoubtedly contribute to the seamless experience of our customers. Retention of customer traffic is vital for our business, and I respectfully request that this aspect be given careful consideration.

I'd also like to highlight the strong need for a public restroom along Main Street. This necessity was one of the top items noted by the Project Advisory Committee. A well-placed public restroom would significantly contribute to the overall comfort and convenience of residents, visitors, and businesses alike. Its inclusion would enhance the vibrancy of Main Street as a welcoming community hub.

In closing, I extend my sincere appreciation to the City Council for their commitment to the Main Street Promise infrastructure project. Your dedication to the betterment of our community is clear, and I am honored to be part of this collaborative effort. I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of our shared vision on the future of Vancouver.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Lary', with a stylized, flowing script.

Michael Lary  
Co-owner, Source Climbing Center  
Volunteer, Main Street Promise Project Advisory Committee

**From:** [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)  
**To:** [Dollar, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Written comments for City Council meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 9:15:42 AM

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We got this in the CMO Inbox

-Amelia

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**Subject:** Written comments for City Council meeting

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Dear Vancouver City Council,

My neighbors and I live on SE Rivershore Drive. There is a small undeveloped dead end that the city owns at the end of 164<sup>th</sup> that negatively affects our neighborhood. This space is being increasingly used for river access by people who, once on the bank of the river, leave the city's small property to cross on to private property owned by residents of Rivershore Drive. Once on the bank of the river, people swim, party and use drugs. Police have been routinely called for disturbances, overnight camping, traffic issues, etc.. Most notably, there have been prowlers and break ins on Rivershore that are linked to the activity at this location.

No Parking signs are clearly posted on the north side of Rivershore Drive. Particularly during the summer months, cars line this side of the street. Sometimes the signs are not visible because they have been intentionally knocked over. When cars park on the north side of the street it creates an inconvenience, a traffic hazard and a safety issue. Congestion caused by parking on both sides of the street prohibits any emergency vehicles such as fire trucks or ambulances from entering Rivershore

Drive. This truly is a safety issue.

We are looking for a long term solution. The police have been highly considerate with our repeated calls, but they have higher priorities. Several neighbors called the afternoon of August 14<sup>th</sup> due to the parking hazard. The Police did not arrive until around 10pm at night. VPD officer Ripp apologized but explained he had other critical issues with higher priority. He mentioned that violence in Vancouver has been increasing. We as residents have experienced the increase in crime in the last few years.

There has to be a remedy. We all know what a park looks like, this is not a park. It is access to other people's private property. As neighbors, we are frustrated.

Frankly, most of the Rivershore residents would love to see this tiny undeveloped space closed. There are two actual parks nearby; Wintler Community Park and Camas/Washougal Cottonwood Beach. In light of the VPD policy of non-response to large-scale parking violations and crime associated with people accessing private property, please provide your best thoughts on a way forward for residents of Rivershore Drive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana Almy

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**From:** [Holmes, Eric](#)  
**To:** [Dollar, Sarah](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:05:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [ICC Warehouse Letter 081423.pdf](#)

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Please see attached.

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**From:** Sean Philbrook [REDACTED]  
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Mayor, Council, City Manager --

Please accept the attached letter regarding possible code amendments affecting warehouse and distribution center projects in the City of Vancouver. The letter is submitted by Identity Clark County on behalf of a coalition of business leaders.

Thank you.

**Sean Philbrook**

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Sean Philbrook, Vice President of Programs  
Clark County  
[REDACTED]



August 14, 2023

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle  
Vancouver City Council  
City Manager Holmes  
PO Box 1995  
Vancouver, WA 98660-1995

Dear Leaders:

On behalf of a working group of about 40 business leaders involved in real estate, development, construction, finance and land use, we thank the city for ongoing dialogue regarding larger warehouse projects in and around the city.

We understand the reason for the city's sudden moratorium was to halt the commitment of land to large e-commerce facilities until conditions could be studied further. These properties were described as 14+ acres to be capable of supporting fulfillment centers of 250K sf or more. What was discovered is that, after removing properties under port jurisdiction or governed by pre-annexation agreements, there are only a few properties in the city that could be candidates for large e-commerce fulfillment centers.

The Fehr and Peers analysis revealed that e-commerce fulfillment centers support quality jobs and our growing appetite for shopping online. Large warehouses also help drive our economy generating millions of dollars in tax revenue for local communities. Every metro area needs them: the question is where and how.

We've had a brief opportunity for a first review of possible code amendments, for which you've received excellent recent feedback from several involved in our working group. Therefore, we will focus our input at a broader level at this stage.

We support consideration of e-commerce fulfillment center proposals that include a building of greater than 250,000 sf under roof as a limited use, with clear standards for traffic flow, environmental design, energy efficiency and climate stewardship. We prefer limited use over conditional use because it creates clarity for developers, most of which pursue such projects based on regional capacity conditions rather than for a specific user. We support limiting such facilities to space near interstates, state routes or truck routes. We support requirements to make such facilities EV-ready, making it easy to adapt as freight and commerce fleets become more electrified over time. We support climate-easing choices around renewable energy generation where practical, plus environmental design such as natural light and climate-friendly materials and colors. We also support traffic impact analysis to ensure adequate capacity and impact recovery.

For industrial and warehouse projects less than 250,000 sf under roof, most of the proposed conditions would prove to be impractical for a variety of reasons. Therefore, we prefer separate requirements for smaller facilities and recommend allowing such projects to be permitted outright in IH and IL zones in

keeping with current practice. These facilities typically are used by multiple tenants that change over time, making it difficult to affix specific limitations. The permitting of such projects already takes into account community development and traffic flow. The development of additional properties helps balance the undeniable job and employer creation benefits in proximity to where people live, thereby reducing pressure on commute vehicle miles traveled.

Although changes to code in these areas falls outside the scope of the warehouse moratorium, we recommend introducing sustainable design best practices which can be incorporated into the site plan review process. The graphic shared by city staff demonstrates the private sector is diligently working toward a climate-smart future without prompting from code requirements. In this manner, property owners and city officials can work together to pursue climate- and community-friendly properties that employ our neighbors and fuel our economy and tax base, while pursuing and preparing for technologies that further ease pressure on our climate.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this important topic and look forward to additional dialogue once case studies of real properties are evaluated to better understand the impacts associated with these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Arp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Ron Arp, President**  
Identity Clark County

*On behalf of a coalition of business leaders*

cc: Chad Eiken, Becky Coutinho

**From:** [Wynn Grcich](#)  
**To:** [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#)  
**Subject:** covid 19 deaths  
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# CHILD KILLERS: CDC data show over 118,000 U.S. children died suddenly after covid jab rollout

By [Lance D Johnson](#) // Aug 14, 2023

Please, Send to council members and Melneck. Put on public record and confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn

AUGUST 2023

# POLICE TRANSPARENCY NOW

## -VANCOUVER, WA POLICE FACT SHEET & CALL FOR ACTION-

Over the last 10 years, according to the **Vancouver Police Dept.** **at least 2894 COMPLAINTS** were investigated & VPD found **560 INCIDENTS** of their officers committing **MISCONDUCT** while on duty.

According to VPD, the MISCONDUCT is increasing over time.

During this time period, the Dept. was overseen and ran by: City Manger Eric Holmes, Chief of Police Jeff Mori and the Vancouver City Council including long time office holders Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor Pro Tem Ty Stober, and Bart Hansen.

UNDER THEIR LEADERSHIP, we have these numbers:

|              | Misconduct | All Investigations |        | VPD COPS |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|--------|----------|
| 2022         | 82         | 240                | 34.17% | 220      |
| 2021         | 103        | 309                | 33.33% | --       |
| 2020         | 77         | 291                | 26.46% | --       |
| 2019         | 68         | 243                | 27.98% | --       |
| 2018         | 74         | 278                | 26.62% | 218      |
| 2017         | 51         | 208                | 24.52% | 208      |
| 2016         | 40         | 370                | 10.81% | 190      |
| 2015         | 36         | 406                | 8.87%  | 190      |
| 2014         | 7          | 160                | 4.38%  | --       |
| 2013         | 22         | 389                | 5.66%  | 184      |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>560</b> | <b>2894</b>        |        |          |

\*\*\* please note: There is no ANONYMOUS REPORTING PROCESS within VPD. **VPD says they have received only 8 ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS in 10 yrs.** The identity of anonymous reporters is not protected at VPD and it takes months to receive a response to Safety Concerns, if they respond at all.

\*\*\* DATA From July 2023 Public Records request (103 pages) & local media reporting

AUGUST 2023

## **VPD talks about change, but won't take action**

In 2019 Vancouver Police killed 3 people in a month. Consequently, they gave \$98,000 to a outside Law Enforcement company, the Police Executive Research Forum, to conduct a study entitled the "PERF Report". Despite making over 80 changes from the report, Vancouver Police are still Killing our Neighbors and creating dangerous situations in our neighborhoods.

**Since their 3 KILLINGS in 2019, Vancouver Police have killed at least 5 more people.**

- We give the Vancouver police 30% of our taxes, and
- We give Vancouver Police full control of Police Accountability.
- VPD gave law enforcement \$98,000 to review the Department.
- **VPD GAVE OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO THEIR RECORDS. CITY OF VANCOUVER RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME ACCESS**

What misconduct are VPD Officers involved in? What types of Complaints do they refuse is to investigate? What are VPD Officers doing throughout their days, using 30% of our resources?

### **WE DEMAND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM CITY MANAGER ERIC HOLMES:**

- 1) Release of all 2894 complaints, (with sensitive data removed) including timelines of the investigations, showing how VPD addressed the concerns.
  - 2) Data showing how long it takes for Officers to receive correction, re-training, and/or discipline from their misconduct.
  - 3) Data showing the efficacy of VPD discipline and/or training.
  - 4) A Separate, Safe & Anonymous Reporting System, outside of VPD control.
  - 5) Ongoing access to VPD Data for public oversight and transparency.
- 5) A PLAN FOR GIVING THE COMMUNITY CONTROL OF VPD**

## **VPD IS BEING MISMANAGED & IS UNSAFE**

CALL 360-487-8600 or EMAIL YOUR CITY COUNCIL:  
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