



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

July 25, 2022

WORKSHOPS

Vancouver Community Library - Columbia Room - 901 C Street,
Vancouver WA

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

View the CVTV video recording, including presentations and discussion, for workshops at:

https://www.cvtv.org/vid_link/34803?startStreamAt=0&stopStreamAt=7302

4:00 - 5:00 pm Fort Vancouver Regional Library Facility Reuse Study Proposal

Stacey Donovan, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, 360-487-8630

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Facility Reuse Study Proposal.

5:00 - 6:00 pm Housing Strategy Update

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

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Housing Strategy Update.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA 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 the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

Vancouver City Council meeting minutes are a record of the action taken by Council. To view the CVTV video recording, including presentations, testimony and discussion, for this meeting please visit: https://www.cvtv.org/vid_link/34805?startStreamAt=0&stopStreamAt=813 Electronic audio recording of City Council meetings are kept on file in the office of the City Clerk for a period of six years.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Councilmembers Perez, Fox, Paulsen, and Hansen

Absent: Councilmembers Harless, Stober, and Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Councilmember Paulsen motioned to excuse Councilmember Harless, Stober, and Mayor McEnerny-Ogle from the Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the absence.

Community Communications

Councilmember Hansen opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding Items 1-3:

- Jonathan Fluker, Vancouver
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA

There being no further testimony, Councilmember Hansen closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

Council requested Item 1 to be pulled.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez to approve Items 2 and 3 of the Consent Agenda.

Council briefly discussed Item 1 with staff.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez to approve Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

1. **Approval of a contract with Journal Technologies for criminal case management, analysis and reporting**

Staff Report: 081-22

The Vancouver City Attorney's Office prosecutes over four thousand misdemeanor cases per year. The case management software presently used by the City Attorney's Office is owned by Clark County. It provides very limited functionality in the way of criminal case reporting; it is no longer supported by the vendor and it is in the midst of being replaced by Clark County.

In the summer of 2020, the City Attorney's Office conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP). Journal Technologies was among the finalists and was rated highly for its functionality and ability to be customized to meet individual agency needs. However, the sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic led to the implementation of temporary cost containment measures and the City Attorney's RFP was abandoned. In 2021, the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office selected Journal Technologies as its criminal case tracking vendor and entered into a contract after a competitive public procurement process. The Vancouver City Attorney's Office then commenced direct negotiations with Journal Technologies to explore the possibility of 'piggy-backing' off the County's procurement process. Entering into a contract with the same vendor as the Clark County Prosecutor would allow the City to leverage efficiencies in implementation time and cost.

Additionally, using the same case tracking system as the County will increase ease of collaboration at the joint City/County Domestic Violence Prosecution Center.

The total cost of implementing the new system is \$300,000, which includes the following material deal points:

- *Creation of all necessary interfaces to connect to police records systems used by the Vancouver Police Department – reducing the need for redundant data entry.*
- *Secured access, user licenses, and training for all appropriate City users.*
- *Guaranteed accessibility with negotiated service credits for periods of unavailability after Go-Live.*
- *Vendor's source code to be maintained in escrow for the benefit of the City.*
- *Approved plans for return of City-data in the event of termination or non-renewal.*

The City will also be responsible for payments of annual data storage fees (\$40,000) and user licenses (\$50,000) for each year the contract is in place.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a contract with Journal Technologies for criminal case management, analysis and reporting.

Jonathan Young, City Attorney, 360-487-8500

Motion approved the request.

2. Appointment to the Parking Advisory Committee

The Parking Advisory Committee advises City Council on policy issues related to all city-owned on-street and off-street parking facilities, and makes recommendations on facilities and parking regulations.

A recruitment was recently conducted for three vacancies on this committee. After review of applications from interested candidates, including one incumbent, Council Committee 2 recommends the reappointment of incumbent Kurt Stonex with a term that would begin immediately and expire July 1, 2026.

Request: Reappoint Kurt Stonex to the Parking Advisory Committee, term beginning immediately and expiring July 1, 2026.

Council Committee 2

Motion approved the request.

3. **Approval of Claim Vouchers**

Request: Approve claim vouchers for July 25, 2022.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$4,628,641.71.

Adjournment

6:42 p.m.

Community Communication Forum (immediately following Council Consent Agenda Meeting)

Councilmember Hansen opened the Community Communication Forum Pilot and received testimony from the following community members:

- Melissa Dodge, Vancouver
- Melissa Mchargue-Mason, Vancouver
- Peter Simmons, Vancouver
- Alana Simmons, Vancouver
- Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver
- Tina Barrows, Vancouver
- Glen Yung, Vancouver
- Kathy Neary, Vancouver
- Katherine Whitney, Vancouver
- Laurel Pascual, Vancouver
- Wynn Grcich, Vancouver
- Janie Wilson, Vancouver
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA

There being no further testimony, Councilmember Hansen closed the Community Communication Forum Pilot.

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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

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Comment for City Council Community Forum 7/25/22
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 10:41:12 AM
Attachments: [Bracchi city council 7 25 22.pdf](#)

Please see attached

Thanks. Peter

From: Dollar, Sarah <Sarah.Dollar@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 9:18 AM
To: PETER BRACCHI [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Remote Council testimony registration

Hello Mr. Bracchi,

Great question! Yes, you can definitely submit your written comments ahead of time. Please make sure to get them in by noon on Monday, July 25, 2022, to make sure I can put them with the other written comments and get them to Council before the meeting.

Thank you,

Sarah Dollar | Assistant to the City Council
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From: PETER BRACCHI <peterbracchi@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 9:15 AM
To: Dollar, Sarah <Sarah.Dollar@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Re: Remote Council testimony registration

Thank you for the information.

can I still submit my written information that will parallel my speaking Contant And will it be distributed to counsel prior to the meeting?

Thanks Peter

On Jul 21, 2022, at 7:25 AM, Dollar, Sarah <Sarah.Dollar@cityofvancouver.us> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Bracchi,

Thank you for filling out our online registration form. Our in person Community Communication Forum will have sign up cards at the Vancouver Community Library inside the Columbia Room. We are not taking registration via our online testimony form for the Community Communication Forum. It will only be for the Consent agenda on 7/25. We will open registration up beginning at 4 pm and it will remain open until the Community Communication Forum is finished. If you have any questions about sign up when you arrive at the Library, either myself or another staff member can help you get signed up.

Thank you,

Sarah Dollar | Assistant to the City Council
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From: Peter Bracchi <noreply@cityofvancouver.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 9:17 PM

To: Dollar, Sarah <Sarah.Dollar@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: Remote Council testimony registration

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City of Vancouver, Washington



Remote Council testimony registration

Date submitted: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 - 9:16pm

Submission

Meeting date:

Name:

Peter Bracchi

Organization:

Address:

[REDACTED]

City:

Vancouver

State:

Washington

Email:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Topic I wish to speak about:

Citizen forum

I plan to attend the Council meeting:

In Person

Peter Bracchi

Vancouver WA 98663

City Council 7/25/22

July 25, 2022, City Council Meeting Community Forum

Request to meet with any City Council member to Discuss the Funding and the Long Term Responsibilities for Arnold Park.

My request to meet with the CMO, Mayor and Park Director were denied.

Please Contact me by Email at [REDACTED]

From: Cook, Nena <Nena.Cook@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 9:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting Request to Review Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Grant 86-054

Mr. Bracchi,

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss these issues. If I haven't successfully addressed your questions/concerns at our meeting, we can discuss next steps. Please let me know when you are available. Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 10:21 PM
To: Cook, Nena <Nena.Cook@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Meeting Request to Review Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Grant 86-054

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Hi Nena,

I would like to Meet with the Mayor, Julie Hannon and Mr. Holmes to discuss RCO Grant 86-054 and the lack of the City fulfilling and abiding by this grant's Contracts/legal agreements.

Please review the attached document from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office and follow the link for Grant 86-054

There are 16 documents to view, some are legal contracts for land acquisition

Respectfully,

Peter Bracchi

Sharp, Justine (RCO)

From: RCO-Director (RCO)
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 4:35 PM
To: tim.leavitt@cityofvancouver.us
Cc: eric.holmes@cityofvancouver.us; julie.hannon@cityofvancouver.us;
monica.tubberville@cityofvancouver.us
Subject: Long-term Obligations for Grants from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
Attachments: City of Vancouver 2015 Sponsor Notice.pdf; RCO Long-term Obligations.pdf

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VIA EMAIL

September 1, 2015

TO: **The Honorable Timothy D. Leavitt**
City of Vancouver

CC: Eric Holmes, City Manager
Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director
Monica Tubberville, Park Planner

FROM: Kaleen Cottingham, Director
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

RE: Long-term Obligations for Grants from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
(formerly the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, IAC)

Since 1964, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has awarded grants to state agencies, counties, cities, special purpose districts, and non-profit organizations for parks, open space, farmland, critical habitat for wildlife, trails, boating facilities, and other recreation and conservation projects.

Your organization received one or more grants from RCO at some time in the past. The grant award comes with a long-term obligation for your organization to maintain the project area as originally funded. Attached is a fact sheet that provides some basic information about RCO grant obligations. It is your responsibility to know your project areas that are protected with RCO grant restrictions and to manage them accordingly. Additional information on long-term obligations may be found on our Web site (http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/long_term_obligations.shtml.)

We are aware the joint city-county parks and recreation department has been dissolved. Attached is a list of grants awarded to the city, the county, and the joint parks and recreation department that come with these long-term obligations. You can access information about each specific grant award by clicking on the link in the first column, which will take you to RCO's Project Snapshot. For projects no longer under your jurisdiction, please submit a request to

transfer the project agreement and the long-term obligations to the respective jurisdiction now owning and managing the funded site/s.

RCO conducts periodic inspections of its funded projects to ensure the long-term obligations are maintained. You will receive an inspection report when this occurs. RCO grants staff also may contact your organization if any issues arise from the inspection. Some common issues that we find in our inspections include a change in the use of the project area from what was originally funded by the grant, a transfer or sale of the project area to another organization, or lack of site management. If you are aware of any potential issues, please be proactive and notify RCO so that we can work with you to address any compliance issues.

Failure to comply with long-term obligations for an RCO grant has certain consequences for your organization to mitigate for the loss of grant-assisted land or facilities. This may require the appraisal of the property and the purchase of similar replacement property or development of replacement facilities equal to the grant expended. It also may jeopardize future RCO grant funding for your organization.

Please share this letter with your staff who manage the project areas that have received RCO grants. For more information on RCO grant obligations, please send an e-mail to Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist, at RCOStewardship@rco.wa.gov or call (360) 902-2976. I look forward to working with you to protect and steward RCO's investment in parks and other recreational amenities, open space, farmland, and wildlife habitat.

Information on RCO's current grant funding opportunities can be found on [our Web site](#). I encourage you to consider applying for grants to expand or improve project areas that have received RCO funding in the past.

Kaleen Cottingham / Director / Recreation and Conservation Office / 360.902.3000





RCO Grants with Long-term Obligations City of Vancouver

Project # and Project Snapshot	Project Type ¹	Project Name	Project Areas	Grant Program ²	Project Sponsor Contact
68-111	A	Franklin Neighborhood Park	Franklin Neighborhood Park (#1)	HUD	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
70-029	D	Marine Park 70	Marine Park (Vancouver) (#1)	BFP - LOCAL	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
71-050	D	Marine Park #2	Marine Park (Vancouver) (#1)	BONDS	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
75-014	D	Wintler Park	Wintler Park (#1)	BONDS	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
75-047	A	Burnt Bridge Creek	Burnt Bridge Creek (#1)	BONDS	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
78-076	D	Marine Park #3	Marine Park (Vancouver) (#1)	BFP - LOCAL	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
80-9041	D	David Douglas Park	David Douglas Park (#1)	LWCF	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
82-054	D	Leverich Park	Leverich Park (#1)	BONDS	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
84-9015	D	Waterworks Park #1	Waterworks Park (#1)	LWCF	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
86-054	A	Burnt Bridge Creek Acquisition	Burnt Bridge Creek (#1)	LWCF	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
87-079	A	Burnt Bridge Creek Acquisition #2	Burnt Bridge Creek (#1)	BONDS	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
91-193	A	Bagley Community Park Acquisition	Bagley Community Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
92-334	D	Bagley Community Park Development	Bagley Community Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
92-388	D	Columbia River Transient Moorage	Columbia River Transient Moorage (Vanc) (#1)	BFP - LOCAL	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
93-9843	D	Waterfront Promenade Ramp		ALEA	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
95-052	D	Columbia Street Promenade Extension		ALEA	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
95-1001	D	Tidewater Cover Trail	Worksite #1 (#1)	ALEA	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner



RCO Grants with Long-term Obligations City of Vancouver

Project # and Project Snapshot	Project Type ¹	Project Name	Project Areas	Grant Program ²	Project Sponsor Contact
95-1002	D	Renaissance Trail - Wintler Park Improv.	Worksite #1 (#1)	ALEA	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
98-1293	A	Lalonde Creek Park	Lalonde Creek Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
99-1762	C	East Fork Lewis River Greenway	East Frok Lewis River Greenway (#1)	ALEA	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
00-1494	D	Fisher Basin	Fisher Basin Development (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
00-1496	D	Burnt Bridge Creek Trail	Multiple	WWRP - TR	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
00-1498	D	Felida Park	Felida Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
02-1167	A	Lynch Park	Lynch Park Acquisition (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
02-1183	A	Maple Crest Park	Maple Crest Park Acquisition (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
02-1196	D	Haagen Park	Haagen Park Development (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
03-1029	D	Burnt Bridge Creek Trail Phase 2	Burnt Bridge Creek Trail Phase 2 (#1)	LWCF	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
03-1138	A	Hockinson Park	Hockinson Park Acquisition (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
04-1332	A	Lakeshore Park	Lakeshore Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
04-1341	A	Mount Vista Park	Mount Vista Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
04-1408	D	Gretchen Fraser Neighborhood Park	East Mill Plain Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
06-1932	D	Marine Park Phase 4	Marine Park Water Access (#1)	WWRP - WA	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
06-2015	A	South Fishers Landing Park Acquisition	South Fishers Landing Park Acquisition (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
06-2021	A	Mackie Park Acquisition	Mackie Park Acquisition (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
06-2023	A	East Image Park Acquisition	East Image Park Acquisition (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
06-2032	D	Fairgrounds Community Park - Phase 1	Fairgrounds Community Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner



RCO Grants with Long-term Obligations City of Vancouver

Project # and Project Snapshot	Project Type ¹	Project Name	Project Areas	Grant Program ²	Project Sponsor Contact
10-1187	A	Rose Village Neighborhood Park Acquisition	Rose Villiage (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner
12-1491	A	John Ball Park Acquisition	John Ball Park (#1)	WWRP - LP	Monica Tubberville, Park Planner

Note: This list of projects and associated project areas is based upon RCO's PRISM data as of August 2015. A project agreement may contain more than one worksite or park. Please review your project agreement for details. Your project agreement can be found by following the Project Snapshot link.

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

²Grant Programs: ALEA=Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
 BFP-LOCAL=Boating Facilities Program, Local Agency Category
 BONDS=State
 HUD=Department of Housing and Urban Development
 LWCF=Land and Water Conservation Fund
 WWRP-LP=Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Local Parks Category
 WWRP-TR=Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Trails Category
 WWRP-WA=Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Water Access Category

Long-Term Grant Responsibilities



Long-Term Obligations

Grant recipients have long-term obligations for land purchased, developed, or restored with RCO grants. When an element of the project no longer meets the terms in the grant contract or the site no longer meets the original function of the grant, the grant recipient must check with RCO about resolving the issue.

These responsibilities are described primarily in the project agreement and RCO's *Manual 7 Long-Term Obligations*. RCO and the grant recipient must inspect funded sites to ensure these obligations are upheld.

Types of Changes

There are two ways a site or structure may no longer meet the terms of the contract or the original function of the grant: Element change or conversion.

Element Change

- Minor element changes do not conform to the project agreement but have no negative impact on the recreational opportunity. Example: A 15-car parking lot funded in 1995 is reduced to an 11-car lot to make room for a new park feature.
- Major element changes do not conform to the project agreement and negatively affect, but do not

eliminate the recreational opportunity. Example: A tennis court funded in 1995 has been turned into a skate park.

- Exceptions include acts of extraordinary vandalism or arson, acts of nature such as floods or earthquake, and obsolescence (structure past its useful life).

Remedy

May require an amendment to the project agreement, approval from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board or Salmon Recovery Funding Board, or remediation.

Conversion

A conversion occurs when:

- All or part of the property is conveyed for an ineligible use, or to an ineligible third party.
- Public or private uses impair the original purpose of the grant.
- Non-eligible, indoor facilities are constructed.
- Public use is terminated for more than 180 consecutive days.

Remedy

If RCO assisted with acquiring the site, it must be replaced with new property of equal utility and market value in today's dollars. If RCO assisted with development or restoration of the site, it must be replaced with new facilities or restoration of equal function.

Long-term Obligations

- Maintain the funded site and structures as originally funded.
- For recreation projects, maintain public outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe and attractive manner and at reasonable hours and times of the year.
- For habitat projects, manage and maintain the habitat values or functions.

Please Contact RCO

before you significantly alter a grant-funded site or facility to see if your plans are compatible with the project agreement and RCO policies.

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
www.rco.wa.gov
 E-mail: RCO MI Stewardship@rco.wa.gov
 Telephone: (360) 902-3000
 TDD: (360) 902-1996



From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Written comments for City Council meeting
Date: Friday, July 22, 2022 8:49:14 AM
Attachments: [08022022 CAP workshop testimony.pdf](#)

Hi Sarah,

Please see the attached public comment for the August 1st council meeting.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting

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Hi,

I wanted to share the following written testimony for the City Council's upcoming Climate Action Plan Workshop on August 1st.

Thanks,

Jayne Haygood

The Power of Parks to Propel Vancouver's Climate Action Plan

Thank you Mayor and City Councilors,

I am grateful for this opportunity to discuss the vital role our parks and green spaces have with regards to Vancouver's Climate Action Plan. The impacts of climate change will be detrimental to all of us unless significant action is taken immediately. I applaud your desire to be carbon neutral by 2040 and appreciate the work that you are doing to protect Vancouver and its citizens.

Our parks and green spaces will be a critical component in our strategies to combat the effects of global warming. By utilizing, incorporating and rethinking "parks", we are positioned to become a leader in tackling the immense challenge that lies ahead of us. The following are some suggestions on how to prioritize our parks to maximize their environmental benefits.

First, we must better manage our unusable spaces and rethink "parks". Examples of unusable spaces are areas under power lines, along hillsides, alleys/unaccepted streets, vacant lots, rooftops and below billboards. By reclaiming this land and putting it to use as linear parks (lush green spaces with bike paths or walking paths), solar panel sites (hillsides), etc. we can increase our alternative transportation opportunities as well as provide additional and much needed green space. If we allow ourselves to rethink what a park is, we can begin to visualize parks on rooftops (think of the old FVRL headquarters) or in old vacant lots/buildings. An example of this is in Seattle where they are creating the Mini Mart City Park by "transforming a former gas station into a pocket park and arts-oriented community center..." <https://www.minimartcitypark.com/> Another example is The High Line in Manhattan, a public park built on an old rail line that was destined for demolition but has instead been transformed into a truly remarkable public space, arts venue, and community resource. <https://www.thehighline.org/> And as our city assesses those spaces deemed "brownfield" we have the opportunity to turn polluted land into park land. We will rewild the unusable and reclaim the ramshackle.

Next, we need to make our existing parks and green spaces even "greener". As someone who owns an electric vehicle, it is miserable to sit in a parking lot waiting 30 minutes for my car to charge. By providing electric car charging stations at our parks citizens and visitors could enjoy the outdoors, exercise on equipment, or take a leisurely stroll while their car charges rather than waiting and baking inside their car. Our shelters could have solar panels that power the charging stations. As we expand our thinking of parks and go greener, we could include fruit orchards in our city parks system which not only increases our tree canopy, but it can also help offset the impacts of the urban heat island and provide food resources for our community. The city can be a role model in no-grass landscaping on their city-owned properties. These no-grass lawns can provide demonstrations/examples of how to landscape naturally—without pesticides and with native plants. Each city building location could have a particular natural lawn theme (drought tolerant, native plants, alternative lawns, pollinator, edible landscaping, etc.) in which citizens could visit and it could provide educational outreach should they wish to transform their own lawns. Lead by example!

Finally, we must prioritize trees. In Vancouver, our "sense of place" is reinforced by our tree-lined skylines. Supporting Vancouver's Urban Forestry Department in this initiative is imperative as trees are one of the main tools we have available to help offset carbon emissions. It may be time to rethink what "tree canopy" means. We must recognize that every tree is different and provides a vast range in environmental benefits with regards to climate reduction. Unfortunately, many of our street trees have been topped/halved to accommodate power lines. This topping dramatically decreases the full environmental benefits of that tree. However, with regards to our tree canopy, it is considered at the same percentage as a non-topped tree. Ask

anyone in Urban Forestry and they will chant the mantra, “right tree, right place”. We must ensure that we are protecting those existing “right trees” which are in the “right place”, but also begin to replace those that aren’t. We should plan ahead and recognize that the temperatures are expected to continue rising and therefore we should be planting trees now that are drought tolerant and best suited to adapt to their changing environment. Although the city tree canopy plays a major role in limiting the affects of climate change, our city *forests* are truly one of our greatest assets, not only for their marvelous beauty, but also since their lush density amplifies their environmental and climate cooling contributions. Please make preservation of these city owned forests a priority that will ensure their benefits for generations to come. Is there a way the city can encourage the preservation of these city forests with regards to private land ownership?

By rethinking our definition of parks, “greening” our existing parks/green spaces, and prioritizing trees, we can position ourselves to be a global leader in climate action preparedness. It is a critical time in our lives to create this much needed change, and I will gladly help however I can. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss these ideas further.

Sincerely,

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A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature.

From: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 10:58:05 AM

Sarah Dollar | Assistant to the City Council
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From: Kathy Romanowski [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 10:47 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
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This is in regards to the use of natural gas in our city. I feel it is not wise to take away options for the citizens of Vancouver. We should be able to choose between generated electricity and natural gas. We have enough burdens, please don't add to them by taking away our right to choose. Natural gas, like generated electricity, is clean.

Thank you for your time regarding my concerns.

Kathy Romanowski
[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98684

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From: [Mike Nettleingham](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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Hello,

Please take 5 minutes and watch a replay of Sunday July 24 “GPS” by Fareed Zakaria on CNN. Natural Gas is not the low hanging fruit that will slow down climate change to an appreciable amount. At this point in time I would liken it to throwing very expensive ice cubes at the sun. Be careful of being penny wise and pound foolish and maintain Vancouver’s history of being Fiscally Conservative.

Suggestions to “electrify everything” put reliability at risk without advancing emissions reductions goals any differently than innovatively using the gas system already in place.

Best Regards and Thank You for listening,
Mike Nettleingham

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Vancouver's Climate Action Plan & City Council Mtg 8/8/22
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Public Comment Regarding Vancouver City Council meeting on August 8, 2022
Attn. City Councilors

I have written previously, more than once, to express my viewpoint and strong opposition to any ban of natural gas for new construction in the Council's Climate Action Plan. My husband and I over our 35 year marriage have built three new homes in Vancouver and have depended on natural gas for cooking, heating our home and heating our hot water. Having sold our latest home a year ago and now in retirement, we plan to build or buy a new downsized home in the next year or so and it is imperative that natural gas service be available to new construction. I have no doubt that thousands of other Clark County residents feel the same.

Don't put all our eggs in one basket - electrifying everything and banning natural gas is not the answer. Natural gas is clean, safe, efficient and affordable, and I believe the majority of people in our community would agree that a diversified energy system is stronger and more reliable.

Please vote NO on any proposal to ban natural gas.

Kathleen Cantrell Price

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98684
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From: [Kathe W.](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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Vehicles that are powered by EV batteries are NOT a diversified energy system fundamentally stronger, more affordable, and more reliable. Read below:

At one time, “Saving the Environment” and “Fighting Climate Change” were synonymous. That is no longer true. The quest for Clean Energy through electric vehicles (EVs) epitomizes “the end justifies the means.”

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), an electric vehicle requires six times the mineral inputs of a comparable internal combustion engine vehicle (ICE). EV batteries are very heavy and are made with some exotic, expensive, toxic, and flammable materials.

The primary metals in EV batteries include Nickel, Lithium, Cobalt, Copper and Rare Earth metals (Neodymium and Dysprosium). The mining of these materials, their use in manufacturing and their ultimate disposal all present significant environmental challenges. Ninety percent of the ICE lead-acid batteries are recycled while only five percent of the EV lithium-ion batteries are.

Oil has been so demonized that we tend to overlook some of its positive traits as a power source relative to the battery

power of EVs. The power for an internal combustion engine, oil, is a homogeneous commodity found abundantly around the world (*especially in our own backyard*). In 2019, the four top oil producing nations were the United States, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Canada. In contrast, the power for EVs is dependent on a mixture of diverse commodities from just a handful of third world countries.

In spite of the environmental hysteria about oil drilling, the surface area disturbed is relatively small since the oil is extracted from under the ground. In contrast, many of the materials prominent in the clean energy revolution are obtained through open-pit horizontal mining which is extremely damaging to wide areas of the environment.

This is why we need to be careful about requiring everyone's cars to be dependent on EV batteries. I would hope that the City of Vancouver and the state of Washington will be thoughtful about what decisions they make.

Katherine Worsley

[REDACTED], Vancouver WA 98683

From: [MICHAEL AND ANITA SHAW](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
Date: Sunday, July 24, 2022 7:52:25 PM

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We need a diversified energy system. Natural gas should be an important part of that. Thank you. Anita Shaw

From: [Steven TJ](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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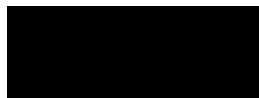
As a City of Vancouver resident, I'd like to chime in with my opinion regarding the proposed Vancouver's Climate Action Plan.

I strongly believe that the best plan is a diversified energy plan, one that includes both the use of electricity, and the use of natural gas.

That's my take; thanks for listening . . .

Steve

Steve Jossi

, Vancouver, WA 98661

From: [Mariah Kimble](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
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Please do not ban natural gas. It is wanted and needed. There are so many reasons which I will not go into as I am sure you have heard it before.

Mariah Kimble

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joseph Titone](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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I favor diversified energy. It's not wise to put all our eggs in one basket. I live here in Vancouver. Thank you.

From: [Bradd Hill](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
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Vancouver needs multiple sources of power! Living with only electricity, until we have nuclear power as backup, will not give us the reliability that we need. We need natural gas to provide reliability and stability!!

Bradd Hill

 Vancouver, WA 98683

From: [chaunceymorton](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
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My home converted natural gas in 2002. my utilities have been reduced 45%. Eliminating Natural Gas is enormous mistake. Chinese windmills are not the answer. Please reconsider. Crm

From: [Audrey Carlson](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
Date: Saturday, July 23, 2022 9:55:46 AM

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I would like to ask that our natural resource of natural gas, remain in place. While the intent may be good to try to make things better, cutting out natural gas is not a good idea. It is a very long term idea at best. Most of the world uses gas, and coal and trying to cut it out so quickly in our own living environment will create nothing but huge problems in the short and long term for us. These problems will come at a huge cost, and and added unneeded discomfort to our citizens. All of us are currently bearing a huge burden of cost with the inflation, and other costs that have been placed on us. It has been proven in various states in our country, that this new green deal and effort isn't cost effect, successful, productive, or needed. Yet you continue to push it. We have plenty of resources to maintain what our citizens need for a very long time, and at a very reasonable cost. Cutting out our natural gas needs to be tabled for a time in the very far future, and not be placed as a burden on the tax payers at the present time.

Thank you.

From: [Vaughn Teuscher](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
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City Council,

I am very concerned with the city of Vancouver climate action plan. I feel it is better to have a diversified energy plan using both electricity and natural gas rather than rely on electricity alone which will drive up costs and won't provide the needs of our community. We've already invested how many millions of dollars in the natural gas back up for electricity through Clark PUD, my brother in law just retired as Chief of Finance of Clark PUD and I remember him discussing all the concerns they had over the years with providing for our community at reasonable rates. Please listen to the voice of the people which I'm sure the majority will agree and not try to go off on an agenda which will reduce supply and as demand goes up simply won't work. The infrastructure we have for clean energy natural gas is working as our energy costs are far better than California and the rest of many parts of the nation and especially with future electrification of vehicles and other things we will need a diversified plan and backups as we certainly don't want the problems CA and Texas have had as of late with rolling blackout and shut downs of their electrical grid. These are my feeling for the City Council as they meet to discuss. Thank You, Dr. Vaughn Teuscher

From: [Michelle Breshears](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: "Electrify Everything" - Comments
Date: Saturday, July 23, 2022 12:26:37 PM

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As a business owner that has three locations in the Vancouver area, having gas as an option is very important. Suggestions to “electrify everything” put reliability at risk without advancing emissions reductions goals any differently than innovatively using the gas system already in place. We do not want to see Vancouver electrify everything.

Michelle Breshears

Controller

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From: [Pam Swegles](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments for August 8 Council Workshop
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I think that to try to convert all of the city to electricity is very shortsighted. First of all there should be a diversity of energy available for residents and the city as a whole. Areas that have converted to all electrical have had problems. Second a lot of the current residents could not afford to convert their home to all electrical. It is expensive and not all residents have the funds available to make a conversion. Hasn't the city ever heard the term "if it ain't broke don't fix it"? Gas works and is cost effective. The country is not ready to move away from all fossil fuels and then to suffer brown outs because the electrical system is not ready to handle the demand. The city could not even handle the electrical demand if people really started buying electrical cars. How are they going to handle everything going electrical? Do all you political folks really want to turn off your air-conditioning in the summer? I doubt it.

I think overall we may need to move from fossil fuels, but the technology is not yet ready for it. Do the city a favor and wait until it is ready for it. Additionally some households will need help with conversion and they should be considered and maybe assisted.

Thank you

Pam Swegles

From: [Lois Cook](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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Hello Vancouver City Council Members,

I am writing today to express my deep concern for the city of Vancouver moving forward with a plan to completely eliminate the use of natural gas and electrify everything. I am in favor of doing all we can to combat climate change. My husband & I are owners of a small business here in Vancouver in the tech related field of telecommunications. I have lived here in Vancouver since 1992.

I believe we are heading down a dangerous path if we eliminate the use of natural gas and rely solely on electricity. Our state doesn't get enough sunlight and is also working towards removal of dams. We are setting ourselves up for failure in the long-term. Additionally, having had my business affected by a cyber attack on the country's telecom backbone systems last year in the 3rd quarter it worries me greatly that we would rely on a single energy source. A diversified source would provide much better security, adaptability and affordability for all.

Moving towards an all electric system is in my mind a huge mistake and will lead only to larger and more severe issues. Please do not move forward with this plan and look for better options.

Sincerely,

Lois C. Cook



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From: [Gennadiy Tsybikov](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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Hello,

As a consumer of natural gas and electricity, I find it very important to have at least two energy sources. If electricity goes out I can always rely on gas to stay warm and prepare food for my family. I can also control which source of energy I can use based on current prices, so I can save money by doing that.

Vancouver resident
Gennadiy Tsybikov

From: [Larry Stewart](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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As a retired BPA employee I am well aware of how fortunate we are to live in this region with hydro power. but we all know it is not infinite, and more likely to decrease than increase.

In 2015 I purchased 100 shares of the Clark PUD solar project, but know it can only augment the requirements of our region. Don't impose restrictions on residential gas usage until after there is proof that the risk of no heat or cooling is one day in a decade or 100 years. Use the science that insurance companies use to assess the risks you are suggesting we will have, and then tell us what it is and what the basis is for determining the risk.

Solar and wind are nice to have when there is sufficient sun and wind to augment the demand. Eliminating the option of gas heat and cooling on demand 24x7 is an unnecessary risk to our community, Will the legacy of the council be that you imposed restrictions and because of that the public was put at risk of harm when there is not adequate wind or solar, and the BPA power system cannot meet the region's requirements for electricity?

From: [Albert Sze](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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Gas distribution system is below grade and is a lot safer from any kind of attacks or interference from weather, fire, down trees etc. The further we should go is all electrical with gas fired backup generator. It is unsafe for old folks like me that may require equipment to operate 24/7 to keep alive.

Thank you for listening

Albert Sze

From: [The Butlers](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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I agree that climate change action is needed; however, it must be balanced to what the people need to exist. It does no good to outlaw oil, coal, nuclear, natural gas, and hydroelectric power when no proper replacement is available. Coal, nuclear, and oil are already gone or pretty much gone and many dams are in danger.

Not everyone can switch to an electric car if the resources to power (and buy) them are gone. I believe, natural gas is a fairly clean resource when used in highly efficient equipment. In addition, many homes already have it to heat homes and water.

A balance should be in effect that resources taken away are balanced by new resources to take their place.

Thanks for this opportunity to opine on the subject.

Respectfully,

John Butler



Vancouver WA 98684

From: [klmstw](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#); [City Council](#)
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Dear Council

I'll keep this brief. I'm writing to emphasize the importance of diversified energy. Please keep natural gas as an energy option. Although Clark Public Utilities does an amazing job keeping the electricity flowing, we need both sources.

Thank you
Karen Watkins

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [David Malland](#)
To: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Cc: [HUGH JONSON](#); [BONNIE JONSON](#)
Subject: ZERO DIESEL EMISSIONS 1837 hrs 23 JULY, 2022
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>> THREE GOOD REASONS TO CALL ARE; 1. YOUR MISSION STATEMENT PROMOTES "WORKING WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES WITH PROVEN TECHNOLOGY" THAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR CITY; (THATS US)!

>> 2. OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GOAL IS "ZERO EMISSIONS ON ALL GOVERNMENT VEHICLES BY 2030",(YOU CURRENTLY HAVE NO (NO) VIABLE SOLUTION FOR YOUR CITY); AND 3. WE ARE READY TO PRESENT OUR ZERO DIESEL EMISSIONS SYSTEM AND ANSWER ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS IN PERSON. THANK YOU.

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From: [ken59644](#)
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Putting homeowners into a situation where natural gas is not a choice is asinine. We need diversified energy choices. Please consider using incentives for homeowners to install solar or wind power at their homes but leave the choices alone.

Best regards,

Ken Townsend

DATE: July 18, 2022

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Joanita Munoz, Northcrest Neighborhood

Thank you for your concern about the fire risk along Burnt Bridge Creek. This is a reminder about the fire on April 17, 2021.

On this night the reported peak wind speed was only 8 mph. But earlier on April 12, it was 21 mph. With flames reaching an estimated 25-30 feet, it could have been more serious on the 12th. The campers on the hillside would be at risk as well as the private properties along the ridge. I have not studied fire science, but just by watching the news I believe the possibility of the fire racing uphill puts many homes in danger.

It is necessary to note that the fire on the 17th, was not for the purpose of heat or cooking. Apparently, it was arson. The man who set up that campsite was not at the site at the time of the fire.



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From: Vrbo <noreply@accounts.homeaway.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 2, 2022 6:50 AM
To: Janie Wilson [REDACTED]
Subject: Washington short-term rental notification



Notification of Washington short-term rental laws.

Janie,

Vrbo is required by the State of Washington to notify you that...

1. Your current insurance coverage may not include liability protection, defense costs or first-party coverage when your property is used for short-term rental stays.
2. You are responsible for collecting and remitting all applicable local, state, and federal taxes unless the platform does this on your behalf.
3. Washington law requires that you do each of the following:
 - a. Comply with RCW 19.27.530 and applicable rules regarding installing carbon monoxide alarms.
 - b. Post the following in a conspicuous place inside your unit:
 - a. Your unit's street address
 - b. Emergency contact information for police, fire or emergency medical services (i.e. 911).
 - c. Your unit's floor plan with fire exits and escape routes marked
 - d. Your unit's maximum occupancy limit
 - e. Your contact information or the information for your designated contact

To read more about the short-term rental bill, [click here](#).

Thank you,
The Vrbo Team

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City of Vancouver STR Discussion 7 25 2022

State of Washington RCW 64.37.010 (9)(a) Defines Short Term Rentals as “a lodging use, that is not a hotel or motel or bed and breakfast, in which a dwelling unit, or portion thereof, that is offered or provided to a guest by a short-term rental operator for a fee for fewer than thirty consecutive nights.” As recognized by the State of Washington STR’s do not fall into the category of a hotel/motel and therefore cannot be limited to commercial zones nor subjected to the same inspections and regulations as a hotel and should not be subject to operation fees to cover inspection costs.

Peter Van Nortwick Clark County Assessor May 3, 2022

“During 2021, property values continued to increase in Clark County. Low inventory continued as an issue pushing residential values even higher. New Construction was strong through the beginning of 2021, but toward the end of the year supply chain issues begun to show an impact on the new construction marketplace.”

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COVID-19 is diagnosed with a viral test. This may also be called a PCR test or antigen test. It looks for evidence of the virus in your breathing passages or lungs (respiratory system).

The test is most often done on a sample from the nose, throat, or lungs. It's sometimes done on a sample of saliva. One way a sample is collected is by putting a long swab into the back of your nose.

How is it treated?

Mild cases of COVID-19 can be treated at home. Serious cases need treatment in the hospital. Treatment may include medicines to reduce symptoms, plus breathing support such as oxygen therapy or a ventilator. Some people may be placed on their belly to help their oxygen levels.

Treatments that may help people who have COVID-19 include:

Antiviral medicines.

These medicines treat viral infections. Remdesivir is an example.

Immune-based therapy.

These medicines help the immune system fight COVID-19. Examples include monoclonal antibodies.

Blood thinners.

These medicines help prevent blood clots. People with severe illness are at risk for blood clots.

How can you protect yourself and others?

- Get vaccinated.
- Avoid sick people.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often, especially after you cough or sneeze. Use soap and water, and scrub for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes.

Be sure to follow all instructions from the CDC and your local health authorities. Here are some examples of specific precautions you may need to take.

- If you are not fully vaccinated:
 - Wear a mask if you have to go to public areas.
 - Avoid crowds and try to stay at least 6 feet away from other people.
- If you have been exposed to the virus and are not fully vaccinated:
 - Stay home. Don't go to school, work, or public areas. And don't use public transportation, ride-shares, or taxis unless you have no choice.
 - Wear a mask if you have to go to public areas, like the pharmacy.
- Even if you're fully vaccinated, there's still a small chance you can get and spread COVID-19. If you live in an area where COVID-19 is spreading quickly, wear a mask if you have to go to indoor public areas. You might also want to wear a mask in crowded outdoor areas if you:
 - Have certain health conditions.
 - Live with someone who has a compromised immune system.
 - Live with someone who is not fully vaccinated.
- If you have been exposed and you are fully vaccinated:
 - Talk to your doctor. You may need a COVID-19 test.



Reducing PFAS in Drinking Water with Treatment Technologies

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Per- and Polyfluorinated substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that persist in the environment. These chemicals have been used for decades in consumer products to make them non-stick and water resistant. They are also found in firefighting foams and are applied in many industrial processes. Unfortunately, the characteristics that make them useful are the reason they persist in the environment and can bioaccumulate, or build up, in our bodies and the bodies of animals.

PFAS also dissolve in water, and combined with their chemical properties mean traditional drinking water treatment technologies are not able to remove them. Therefore, EPA researchers have been studying a variety of technologies at bench-, pilot-, and full-scale levels to determine which methods work best to remove PFAS from drinking water.

Certain technologies have been found to remove PFAS from drinking water, especially Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), which are the most studied of these chemicals. Those technologies include activated carbon adsorption, ion exchange resins, and high-pressure membranes. These technologies can be used in drinking water treatment facilities, in water systems in hospitals or individual buildings, or even in homes

at the point-of-entry, where water enters the home, or the point-of-use, such as in a kitchen sink or a shower.

Activated Carbon Treatment

Activated carbon treatment is the most studied treatment for PFAS removal. Activated carbon is commonly used to adsorb natural organic compounds, taste and odor compounds, and synthetic organic chemicals in drinking water treatment systems. Adsorption is both the physical and chemical process of accumulating a substance, such as PFAS, at the interface between liquid and solids phases. Activated carbon is an effective adsorbent because it is a highly porous material and provides a large surface area to which contaminants may adsorb. Activated carbon (GAC) is made from organic materials with high carbon contents such as wood, lignite, and coal; and is often used in granular form called granular activated carbon (GAC).

GAC has been shown to effectively remove PFAS from drinking water when it is used in a flow through filter mode after particulates have already been removed. EPA researcher Thomas Speth says, “GAC can be 100 percent effective for a period of time, depending on the type of carbon used, the depth of the bed of carbon, flow rate of the water, the specific PFAS you need to remove, temperature, and the degree and type of organic matter as well as other contaminants, or constituents, in the water.”

For example, GAC works well on longer-chain PFAS like PFOA and PFOS, but shorter chain PFAS like Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) and Perfluorobutyrate (PFBA) do not adsorb as well.

Another type of activated carbon treatment is powdered activated carbon (PAC) which is the same material as GAC, but it is smaller in size, powder like. Because of the small particle size, PAC cannot be used in a flow through bed, but can be added directly to the water and then removed with the other natural particulates in the clarification stage (conventional water treatment or low-pressure membranes - microfiltration or ultrafiltration). Used in this way, PAC is not as efficient or economical as GAC at removing PFAS. Speth says, “Even at very high PAC doses with the very best carbon, it is unlikely to remove a high percentage PFAS; however, it can be used for modest percent removals. If used, however, there is an additional problem with what to do with the sludge that contains adsorbed PFAS.”

Ion Exchange Treatment

Another treatment option is anion exchange treatment, or resins. Ion exchange resins are made up of highly porous, polymeric material that is acid, base, and water insoluble. The tiny beads that make up the resin are made from hydrocarbons. There are two broad categories of ion exchange resins: cationic and anionic. The negatively charged cationic exchange resins (CER) are effective for removing positively-charged contaminants and positively charged anion exchange resins (AER) are effective for removing negatively charged contaminants, like PFAS. Ion exchange resins are like tiny powerful magnets that attract and hold the contaminated materials from passing through the water system. Negatively charged ions of PFAS are attracted to the positively charged anion resins. AER has shown to have a high capacity for many PFAS;

however, it is typically more expensive than GAC. Of the different types of AER resins, perhaps the most promising is an AER in a single use mode followed by incineration of the resin. One benefit of this treatment technology is that there is no need for resin regeneration so there is no contaminant waste stream to handle, treat, or dispose.

Like GAC, AER removes 100 percent of the PFAS for a time that is dictated by the choice of resin, bed depth, flow rate, which PFAS need to be removed, and the degree and type of background organic matter and other contaminants of constituents.

High-pressure Membranes

High-pressure membranes, such as nanofiltration or reverse osmosis, have been extremely effective at removing PFAS. Reverse osmosis membranes are tighter than nanofiltration membranes. This technology depends on membrane permeability. A standard difference between the two is that a nanofiltration membrane will reject hardness to a high degree, but pass sodium chloride; whereas reverse osmosis membrane will reject all salts to a high degree. This also allows nanofiltration to remove particles while retaining minerals that reverse osmosis would likely remove.

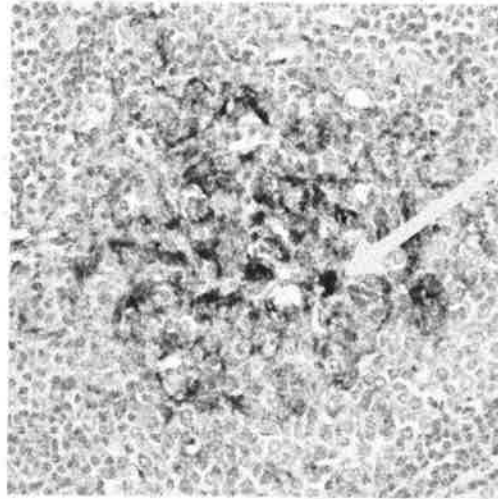
Research shows that these types of membranes are typically more than 90 percent effective at removing a wide range of PFAS, including shorter chain PFAS. With both high pressure membrane types, approximately 80 Percent of the feed water, the water coming into the membrane, passes through the membrane to the effluent (treated water). Approximately 20 percent of the feedwater is retained as a high-strength concentrated waste. A high-strength waste stream at 20 percent of the feed flow can be difficult to treat or dispose, especially for a contaminant such as PFAS, according to Speth. Perhaps this technology is best suited as a point of use technology for a homeowner, since the volume of water being treated is much smaller and the waste stream could be disposed of more easily with less cause for concern.

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Rare Brain Disease Developed After COVID Vaccination Has a Surprisingly High Mortality Rate

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Recently, adverse brain and neurological events brought about by vaccination are gradually attracting the attention of scientists. What adverse neurological events are known to be induced by vaccination?

In May 2022, several French and Swiss neurologists and virologists published a preprint research report of their study. In this study, they found a rare brain disease with an extremely high mortality rate, which emerged after COVID-19 vaccination. The original report was recently retracted and resubmitted by the authors.

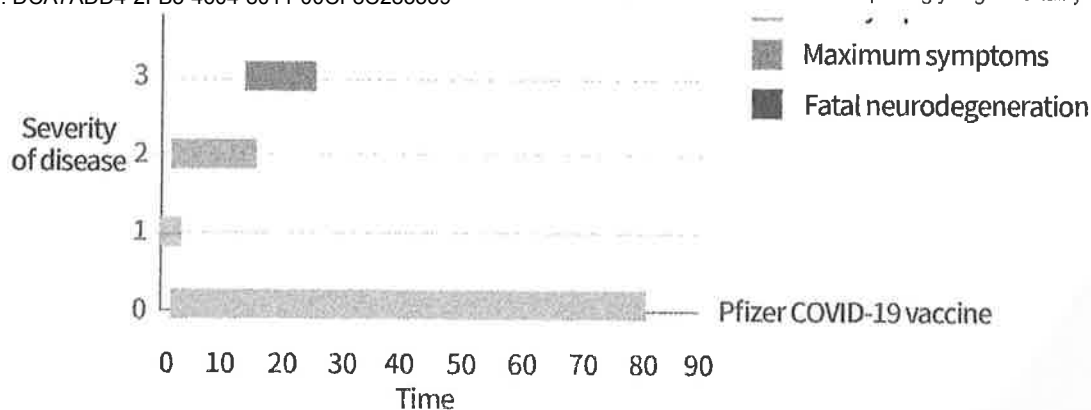
A 72-year-old woman developed a prion disease called Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease 14 days after her second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. When her symptoms persisted until the 10th week, fatal neurodegeneration occurred.

A New Type of Prion Disease Emerged After COVID-19 Vaccination

72-year-old woman

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First symptoms

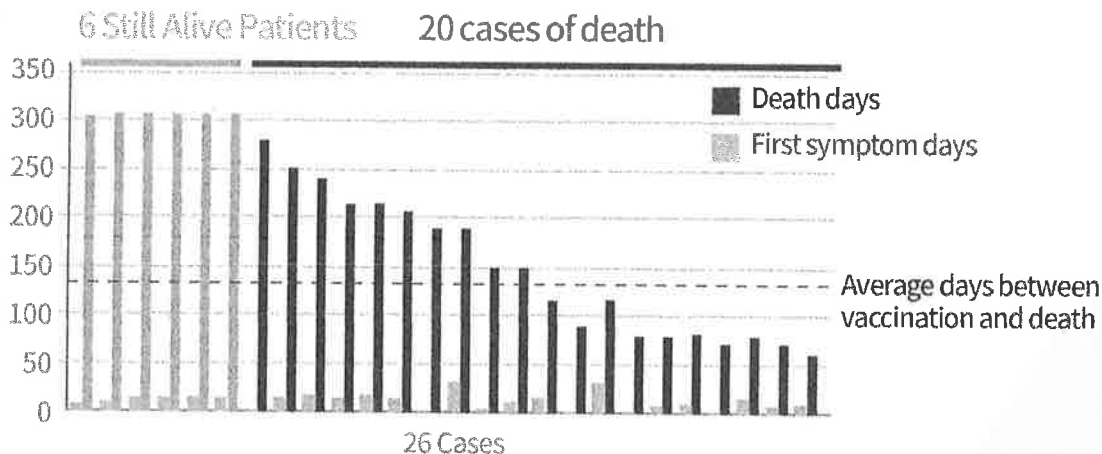


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This phenomenon is very surprising, because the progression of prion disease in the past was generally slow and long-lasting, and it rarely developed into a severe disease within a few months.

This report specifically analyzed 26 cases of prion disease after COVID vaccination with Pfizer, Moderna, and AZ vaccines respectively, and it found that the average time from vaccination to the onset of disease, serious deterioration, and even death was 3 to 4 months. This shows that the progression of this disease is quite different from the conventional prion disease in the past.

26 Cases of New Prion Disease after COVID-19 Vaccination



Source: ResearchGate preprint

The Mysterious Prion Disease

Prions are not a kind of infectious viruses, but a type of infectious protein.

Prion diseases were discovered in the 18th century, but they occurred mostly in animals. At that time, the medical community discovered a disease called Scrapie, as many sheep with this disease were rubbing their backs hard on the wall and rocks due to itchiness, so much that their fleece would fall off. It was later discovered that the itching sensation was actually brought about by their affected brain nerves.

It was not until the emergence of mad cow disease in the UK, which attracted the attention of the public, that people first noticed a strange characteristic of prion diseases. That is, we know that viruses, bacteria, and other common microorganisms allow diseases to spread, but prion diseases are caused by misfolded proteins that spread throughout the body, transmitting their misfolded shape onto normal variants of the same protein. At that time, it was an unknown mode of disease transmission.

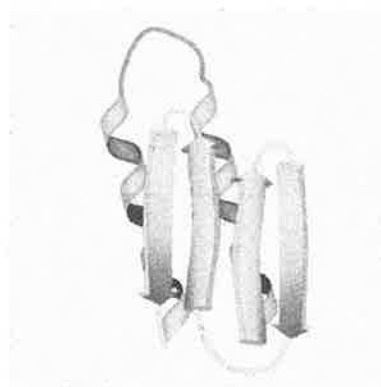
The traditional understanding of the prion disease mechanism is that the alpha helices structures in normal proteins become diseased and then become beta sheets in a striated configuration.

Traditional Prion Disease

Normal proteins



Prions



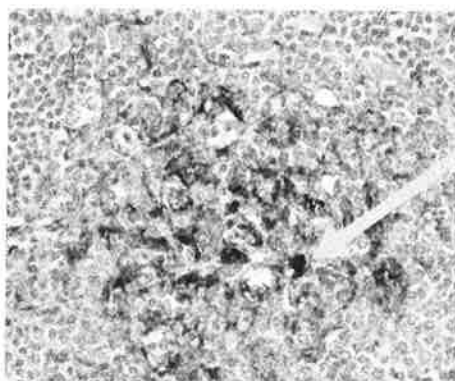
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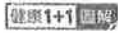
As aforementioned, after the prion diseases appear in cattle and sheep, some cellular tissues in their brains will decay and hollow out, resulting in a sponge-like brain. And this is a visible pathological change.

In layman's terms, this pathological mechanism is protein denaturation. It is similar to when leaving milk at room temperature for a long time, the proteins in the milk will settle out and become dregs. However, the deterioration of milk is generally caused by external factors, whereas the progression of prion diseases takes a long time, and the mechanism of creating "sponge brains" is not very clear.

Infectious Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease



Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
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From this, people at least recognize that the pathological changes in the body are not inseparable from clear external pathogens, and that the proteins in the body can also produce pathological changes and induce other proteins to do so.

Is There a Link Between Prion Disease and Vaccination?

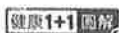
Theoretically speaking, the phenomenon of prion disease after vaccination observed in France should have occurred in other countries as well, and it was just first exposed in France.

A study published in the journal *Microorganisms* focused on a gene segment of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein contained in the vaccine and analyzed the structure of the spike protein.

Scientists analyzed the amino acids with prion-like characteristics and found that amino acids 473 to 510 of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein have prion-like characteristics.

Prion-like Components in Spike Protein

Spike Protein		
	Prion region	Log-likelihood ratio
SARS-CoV-2	Receptor binding domain 473-510	4.856
SARS-CoV	HR1 region 900-910	4.426
MERS	—	4.49
Human coronavirus OC43	—	2.828



Resource: *Microorganisms*

The researchers also compared the SARS-CoV virus and found that it had a similar region that could cause prion pathology, but it was less likely than the SARS-CoV-2 (which causes the COVID-19 illness) to induce prion pathology. However, other coronaviruses are much less likely to induce prion disease.

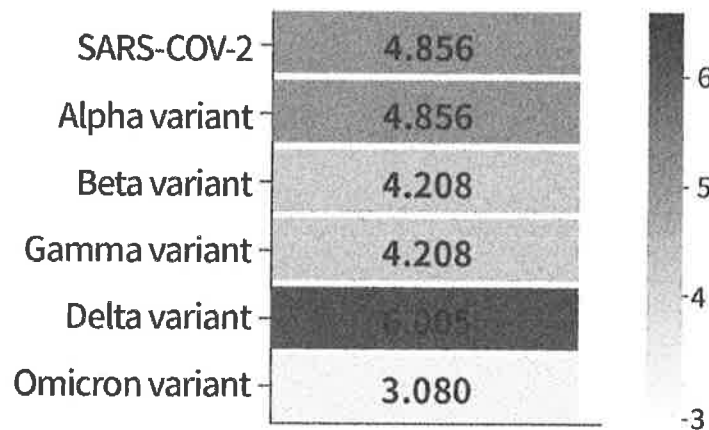
The researchers further focused on the changes in amino acids that may cause prion disease. Traditionally, prion diseases mainly occurred in a glycine-rich motif (GxxxG); now it has been found that if a large amount of amino acids glutamine (N) and/or asparagine (Q) are present in the region of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, so that the likelihood of developing this disease actually increases. So this region has become a region where prion disease is very likely to occur.

Coincidentally, this region also happens to be the region where the spike protein binds to the ACE2 receptor.

There may also be a region on the human ACE2 receptor where prion disease may occur, and this region happens to interact with with the one on the spike protein. Therefore, these two regions can interact with each other.

In addition, by comparing Alpha, Beta, Delta and Omicron variants, a very special phenomenon is discovered. That is, only the Omicron variants are not prone to prion pathology. This may also be one of the reasons for the overall reduced pathogenicity of the Omicron variants.

Prion-like Components in Different Variants



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Resource: Microorganisms

The French and Swiss neurologists and virologists further discovered that there are also prion-like components in the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, as the genetic sequence of the spike gene used in the mRNA vaccines were based on the original Wuhan wild type SARS-CoV-2 and the region 473–510 is kept the same.

Prion-like Components in Two mRNA Vaccines

Variant/Vaccine	Prion Region (473-510)
SARS-CoV-2 (Wuhan)	Yes
Alpha (UK)	Yes
Beta (South Africa)	Yes
Gamma (Brazil)	Yes
Delta (India)	Yes
Pfizer mRNA Vaccine	Yes

Moderna mRNA Vaccine

Yes

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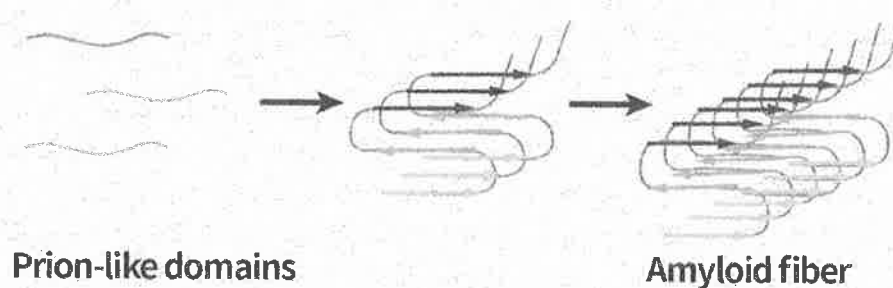
What Caused the Rapid Deterioration Prion Disease Cases After Vaccination?

As mentioned earlier, the analysis of 26 cases in France showed that the prion disease developed after the COVID-19 vaccination is different from the conventional prion diseases: its mortality rate is significantly higher, reaching 77 percent; and the time from onset to death is also much shorter. Why is this?

We first need to understand how the prion mutations of individual proteins affect the entire cellular tissue. The International Journal of Molecular Sciences provides us with two possible explanations.

The first one involves the structural conversion of proteins from a soluble form into insoluble amyloid aggregates.

What Caused the Rapid Deterioration of Prion Disease Cases After Vaccination?



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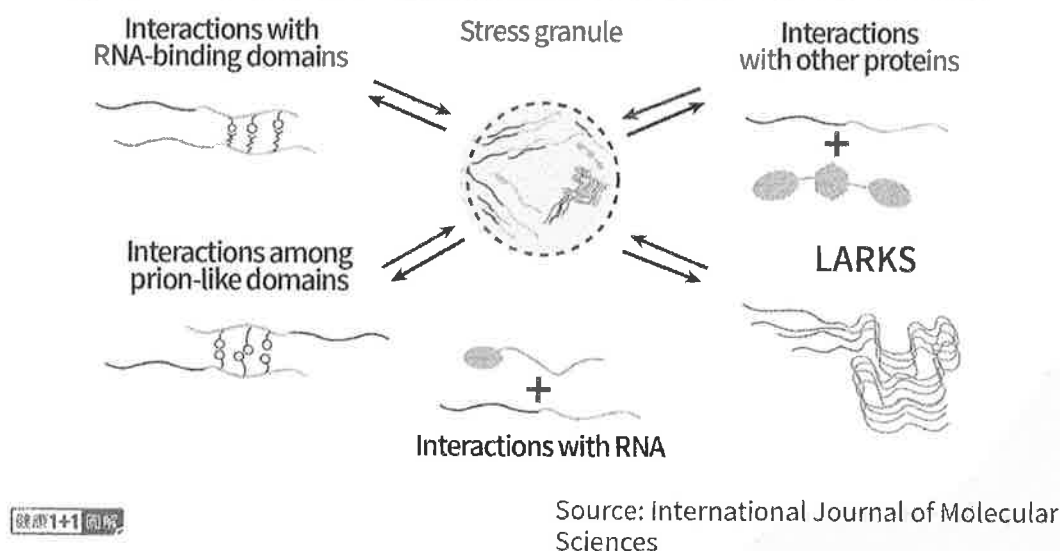
The disease-causing prion induces changes in other proteins in its vicinity. These disease-causing proteins fold upon each other to form an amyloid-like structure. The length of this process depends on the characteristics of the beta sheets and whether or not the surrounding proteins have contributed to the pathological factors.

The other way to form prion involves stress granules.

When human cells are exposed to external stresses, such as physical or chemical stresses, stress granules are formed in the cells. A stress granule contains RNA and proteins bound to RNA, but without membranes and it resembles a cotton ball.

The length of formation time for stress granules is related to many factors.

What Caused the Rapid Deterioration of Prion Disease Cases After Vaccination?



One potential mechanism scenario is that when exogenous mRNA enters human cells in abundance in the case of mRNA vaccination, the cells are put into a stress mode, which would trigger many intracellular mechanisms to provoke abnormal intracellular RNA-RNA and RNA-protein binding. If the foreign proteins had the tendency to transform into prions, it is more likely that the surrounding RNA-bound proteins would be gathered together to form stress granules.

In the sequence of the virus originally discovered in Wuhan, the amino acid 473–510 region of the viral spike protein tends to develop prion disease. The current mRNA vaccines also contain such a region, so it seems that these vaccines are even more dangerous than the Omicron variants in this regard. However, because the overall chance of prion diseases happening after vaccination is very rare, it is still not clear what exactly triggered these patients to have prion diseases developing in a short 3–4 months.

Other Adverse Neurological Events After Vaccination

There have also been concerns about the neurological effects of the COVID-19 vaccines. In addition to the prion diseases we mentioned earlier, what other adverse neurological events can the vaccines cause?

A Thai study published in the journal BMC Neuroscience analyzed 385 people who received the SinoVac vaccine, and found that 19 of them had symptoms of neurological disorders, including unilateral numbness of the head, headaches, and heartaches. The study also analyzed the neurological damage caused by the vaccines and found that more than half of the people showed symptoms of motor deficits.

Neurological Symptoms after Vaccinating Inactivated Vaccine

Characteristics	Number of cases (19)
Neurological symptoms	
Unilateral numbness	18 (94.7%)
Headache at the initial	10 (52.6%)
Headache during the course	17 (89.5%)
Unilateral Weakness	9 (47.4%)

Nausea/vomiting	4(21.1%)
Perioral numbness	3(15.8%)
Neurological deficits	
Sensory deficits	15(79%)
Motor deficits	10(52.6%)
Tongue deviation	5(26.3%)



Source: BMC Neuroscience

In addition, these neurological symptoms appeared very quickly after vaccination. In 52.6 percent of the cases, symptoms appeared within one hour of the vaccine injection. This phenomenon was not studied in depth in the paper, but this is very alarming—how does an inactivated vaccine injected into the muscles affect the brain or spinal cord in such a short period of time? This is worth further study.

The recovery times vary widely, from one to three days for some people, to one to two weeks or more for others.

How did the vaccine cause these neurological symptoms? One possibility is that it is a reversible cerebrovascular constriction syndrome. And there are features that fit this description, such as a female predominance and recurrent abnormal headaches. However, there are also features that do not fit, such as thunderclap headaches.

Another possibility is migraines. The numbness around the mouth and transient unilateral weakness are consistent with migraines, and 50 percent of people with such symptoms have a history of migraines. Nevertheless, there are some symptoms that are not consistent with migraines.

The exact cause of these symptoms is not yet known.

Another vaccine-induced neurological disorder of great concern is Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS). This disease has been listed as one of the side effects of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

It is known that the SARS-CoV-2 virus itself can cause neurological pathology. So, is it possible that the vaccine could make the viral mRNA or other proteins enter the brain or nervous system and affect the nerve sphingolipids? At present, we know very little about the neurological side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines. And according to the regular timeline for vaccine development, long term further research will be needed to study neurological impacts. Therefore, we need to stay vigilant about vaccine's neurological adverse events when the reports and studies in this field are still vastly demanded.



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