



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnerney-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

May 22, 2023

WORKSHOPS

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

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

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4:00-5:00 p.m. Quarterly Complete Streets Update

Kate Drennan, Principal Planner, 360-487-7959

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Quarterly Complete Streets Update.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Transportation System Plan Update

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Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Transportation System Plan Update.

Councilmembers Fox and Harless were absent from the Workshops.

COUNCIL DINNER / EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PERSONNEL [RCW 42.30.110(1)(f)] (30 min)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 6:00-6:30 p.m. to discuss Personnel.

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 and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Councilmembers Fox and Harless

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmembers Fox and Harless.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - April 17, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 17, 2023.

Minutes - April 24, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 24, 2023.

Minutes - May 1, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2023.

Proclamations: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Indian American and Filipino); Memorial Day at the Vancouver Barracks

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Pawneet Sethi, member of the Chief's Diversity Advisory Team, and Nanu Iyer, member of SWWICCA, proclaiming May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a spotlight on Indian Heritage.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Enrico Tadeo, Honorary Consul to the Philippines Honorary Consulate, proclaiming May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a spotlight on Filipino Heritage.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Larry Smith, Retired Army Colonel and Chair of CMAC, proclaiming May 29, 2023 as Memorial Day at Vancouver Barracks.

Community Communications

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

- Heidi Cody, Vancouver
- Kenneth Harrison, Vancouver
- Don Steinke, Vancouver
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver
- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-7)

Council requested items 1 and 4 be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and carried unanimously to approve items 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve item 1 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve item 4 on the Consent Agenda.

1. **Approval of donation agreement of east terminus of Renaissance Trail**

improvements

Staff Report: 094-23

The Renaissance Trail along Columbia Shores was originally completed in 1997 and extends the length of this development to its eastern terminus near the Merriweather condominium. Since its opening, this segment of the waterfront trail has been the most heavily used trail segment throughout Clark County, well exceeding 1 million users annually.

Currently, the eastern terminus of this segment ends in approximately 10,000 square foot unused, unimproved, privately owned former industrial parcel, which is open to the trail end, but fenced on its north and east sides.

Since opening, the stub end of this segment of the trail has remained an unattractive, unimproved former industrial site. In 2021, former City employee Jill Brown began exploring with the City Manager's Office and community members the potential of improving this terminus through a beautification project that would enhance the aesthetics and functionality of this terminus, creating a space that reflects and honors the spirit of community and public service that contributes to Vancouver's vibrancy. Improvements would include extension of the trail to the eastern fence, brick pavers, benches to allow for river viewing, as well as landscaping. A conceptual plan for the improvement is included as Attachment A. The final design is expected to incorporate low maintenance amenities plantings and amenities, as well as reflect crime and nuisance prevention through environmental design (CPTED).

The site is currently privately owned by the Evans W VanBuren Trust, and under long term lease to Killian Pacific. Killian Pacific has agreed in concept to donate use of this land for these purposes for the life of their lease. The Parks Foundation of Clark County has agreed to be the "fiscal agent", accepting cash donations and stewardship of the project through completion prior to acceptance by the City. The City is expected to contribute permitting support and accept the final improvements for operations and maintenance upon completion. The attached draft three-party donation agreement contemplates these roles and commitments.

Ms. Brown is organizing a series of in-kind and financial pledges sufficient to complete the project. She has also reached out to adjacent property owners regarding the potential improvement, raising awareness and support. To date, OTAK has contributed design services. Finalization of other contributions is dependent upon confirmation that the City will accept donation of the completed improvements, the purpose of this donation acceptance agreement.

Request: Authorize the City Manager to execute the donation acceptance agreement and any related documents necessary for implementation.

Eric Holmes, City Manager, 360-487-8600

Motion approved the request.

2. Interlocal Agreement between City of Vancouver and Discovery Clean Water Alliance for Coordination of Columbia River Water Quality Monitoring Program

Staff Report: 095-23

Water quality monitoring data for the Columbia River reach between River Mile 110

to river mile 88 is limited to the 2018 and 2019 Columbia River Water Quality Monitoring Program. Ecology periodically conducts updates to its water quality condition determinations for water bodies across Washington, including the Columbia River, based on new data submitted to their Environmental Information Management System (EIM). The City and Alliance have an interest to provide updated water quality data to the EIM to ensure that Ecology can make appropriate assessments of the river's water quality.

City staff and their contractor are currently preparing to collect samples at many sites along the Columbia River reach and compiling analytical data in preparation for submittal to the EIM. This activity will occur during the periods June through September during in 2023.

Request: Approve the Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Vancouver and Discovery Clean Water Alliance as provided in the Attachment.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Engineering Supervisor, 360-487-7179

Motion approved the request.

3. **2023 Affordable Housing Fund recommendations**

Staff Report: 096-23

A RESOLUTION relating to low-income housing; providing for adoption of 2023 funding awards for the Affordable Housing Fund and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements and other related documents on behalf of the City of Vancouver consistent with Affordable Housing Fund 2023 Council approved funding awards; providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

In October 2022, the City accepted AHF applications through the annual CDBG and HOME application process to award 2023 AHF funding for Temporary Shelter and Housing Assistance and Services. The four projects recommended for funding award all remaining funds for the 2017 – 2023 AHF levy for these funding categories. The City will hold an additional application process to award remaining AHF funds for Housing Production and Preservation in June 2023.

The City received a total of five proposals requesting \$2,279,836. Four of these proposals were recommended for funding. The remaining proposal, Bridgeview Resource Center's Housing Assistance and Services program, will be funded through the AHF award for Council for the Homeless' Consortium Rental Assistance project. Bridgeview Resource Center is currently in the process of joining the Consortium.

The Committee recommended AHF funding of \$3,500,000 for Housing Assistance and Services and \$730,000 for Temporary Shelter, totaling \$4,230,000 to serve 1,237 households. In order to ensure continuity of essential housing services, these awards include two-year contracts for the Council for the Homeless' Consortium Rental Assistance project and Share's WHAT Shelter. These recommendations are also consistent with the AHF's administrative goals to award all remaining 2017 – 2023 funds before the renewal of the AHF levy in 2024.

Agency	Project Name	Amount Requested	Recommended funding	Outcomes	Project Description
HOUSING ASSISTANCE & SERVICES					
Council for the Homeless	Consortium Rental Assistance	\$1,500,000	\$3,500,000* *Two-year contract including Bridgeview Resource Center	372+ households	Consortium that assists with security deposits, rent and utilities to help households experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness afford housing.
Bridgeview Resource Center	Rental Assistance	\$250,000	Included above	-	-
TEMPORARY SHELTER					
Council for the Homeless	HSC Motel Voucher Program	\$150,000	\$150,000	575 households	Emergency motel vouchers for households experiencing homelessness when shelters are full.
Share	WHAT Shelter	\$200,250	\$400,500* *Two-year contract	140 households	Shelter for single women experiencing homelessness
YWCA Clark County	SafeChoice Emergency Shelter Motel Vouchers	\$179,586	\$179,500	150 households	Emergency motel vouchers for victims of domestic violence when SafeChoice shelter is full.
Totals		\$2,029,836	\$4,230,000	1,237 households	

AHF Status and Updates

Since its creation through a tax levy approved in 2016, the AHF has awarded \$35.8 million to support 52 projects for construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, and preservation of affordable housing and Temporary Shelter support in the City of Vancouver for residents earning less than 50% AMI. AHF funds are leveraged with tax credits and other funding to support a total housing investment of \$284.5 million.

With these award recommendations, the City has allocated all funding from the Temporary Shelter and Housing Services allocations through the end of the current AHF levy in 2023. Funding from the Housing Production & Preservation allocation will be made available through an application process in June 2023.

Request: Approve a resolution adopting the proposed 2023 Affordable Housing Fund awards for housing acquisition and temporary shelter.

Samantha Whitley, Housing Programs Manager, 360-487-7952

Motion adopted Resolution M-4225 to approve the request.

4. Approval of Contract with Do Good Multnomah for Management of Safe Stay Communities 4 and 5

Staff Report: 097-23

At a recent ECHO meeting, Council for the Homeless shared that there were 1151 individuals on the shelter waitlist, and all existing shelter beds were full, which is the norm in Clark County. An estimated 500-600 individuals reside in tents or vehicles within the City of Vancouver, which poses significant health and safety risks to the individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, as well as the rest of the community and the environment. At this time, our community does not have an adequate supply of shelter or housing options to meet the growing need. This Council has observed that many individuals who live outdoors on public property do so, not by choice, but due to a lack of financial means to afford adequate shelter. These individuals are adversely mentally and physically impacted by outdoor habitation. Single female encampment occupants experience a disproportionately

high incidence of violent crime as compared to other people. Families with children who live outdoors as a result of a lack adequate shelter are also disproportionately adversely impacted through risk of physical danger and impediments to childhood education. In 2022, at least 23 individuals in our community died while experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and there have been at least 6 who have died without shelter from January-March of this year.

Simultaneously, Council has also observed that the City's sensitive ecological areas are adversely impacted by secondary impacts of outdoor habitation. The City's sensitive waterways, water treatment facilities, stormwater and wastewater facilities are particularly vulnerable to impacts of illegal dumping and improper disposal of human waste. In 2022, HART removed more than 700 tons of solid waste from encampments city-wide. Additionally, individuals living outdoors in greenways and wooded areas, who utilize fire as a source of heat, or to cook with, increase the potential for wildfire in those areas, particularly during our dry/summer months. While we've addressed the most vulnerable/sensitive areas through City ordinance, and HART works to mitigate impacts as much as possible, negative environmental impacts from people living outdoors will persist as long as there are not enough indoor options for people experiencing homelessness to be.

In an effort to reduce the aforementioned negative impacts of unsheltered homelessness, provide for greater safety, stability, and access to needed services for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and to remain in compliance with Martin v. Boise, this Council has approved the establishment of city-sponsored Safe Stay Communities in designated areas. These Communities are managed and supported by contracted service providers who works to:

- ensure safety and sanitation within and immediately surrounding the designated Communities,*
- assist Safe Stay Community residents with obtaining stability, accessing needed resources, and transitioning into more permanent housing situations, and*
- proactively engage with the surrounding neighborhoods to mitigate potential negative impacts to the neighborhoods, facilitate neighborhood participation and volunteer opportunities within the designated Community, and encourage participation in neighborhood/community events, neighborhood association meetings, etc. amongst Safe Stay Community residents.*

Our existing Safe Stay Communities have met those expectations in the neighborhoods they exist in, but because of the number of people still waiting to get indoors, more sites are needed; and because of the shortage in nonprofit providers with the capacity to provide those needed services, growing provider capacity is also still needed.

Do Good Multnomah started in 2015 as a low-barrier shelter for veterans experiencing homelessness. Since that time, the organization has expanded to offer a variety of homeless support services, which include motel shelter programs, permanent supportive housing, micro-shelter/transitional housing villages, and mobile supportive services to both veterans and non-veterans experiencing homelessness. Do Good Multnomah works directly with, and is supported by, City of Portland and the Joint Office of Homeless Services/Multnomah County. Across the months of March and April this year, Do Good Multnomah assisted with housing 41 individuals from their various shelter and transitional housing programs.

Do Good Multnomah was selected through a competitive RFP process, not only because of their experience and success, but because their mission, values, and service delivery model are in alignment with those of the City of Vancouver, as an organization, and with our expectations of service delivery at Safe Stay Communities. Their mission is to inspire dignity, sustainability and purpose; they place great emphasis on community-building both within and outside of their facilities/programs; and they have a clear understanding of the needs and barriers experienced by the individuals served. Do Good Multnomah provides low-barrier services, and those services are paired with a high amount and quality of individualized support and accountability as needed. They have a deep understanding of the fact that housing people before they are ready, without the proper supports, and/or in a housing situation that is not sustainable, can cause greater trauma and barriers to individuals.

City of Vancouver staff has visited St. Johns Village, one of the micro-shelter villages operated by Do Good Multnomah as transitional/bridge housing and closest in type to our Safe Stay Communities and were impressed by everything about it. The village is on privately owned property being leased for this project, it was clean and peaceful, residents were participating in site chores, there were community gardens and other community spaces within the site, and it was obvious that the residents and operator take pride in their space. Additionally, the village fits seamlessly into the surrounding neighborhood, has a great deal of neighborhood and community support, which includes support from the preschool that is very close by, and both Do Good Multnomah and village residents are active participants in neighborhood meetings/events.

Request: Approve a professional services contract with Do Good Multnomah and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a contract for delivery of supportive services and site management at city-sanctioned Safe Stay Communities 4 & 5.

Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response Manager, 360-487-8610

Motion approved the request.

5. Moratorium Extension for Large Warehouse and Distribution Centers

Staff Report: 098-23

AN ORDINANCE extending for an additional period of six months the Vancouver City Ordinance M-4406, which declared an emergency and imposed a six-month temporary moratorium upon the acceptance and processing of applications for permits for the development or expansion of large warehouse and distribution facilities totaling more than 250,000 square feet under the Warehouse/Freight Movement use classification in the Light Industrial (IL) and Heavy Industrial (IH) zoning districts, as defined in Vancouver Municipal Code Title 20 or as otherwise allowed, such as by prior development agreement, based on certain findings of fact justifying such action and adopted by City Council, directing staff to continue efforts to develop recommendations addressing the circumstances necessitating the moratorium, and establishing an immediate effective date.

In December when the moratorium was enacted there were seven pre-development or development applications for large warehouse and distribution facilities between 275,000 square feet up to 680,000 square feet, which are much larger than typical

warehouses, for a total of 3.34 million square feet of proposed new warehouse structures.

Upon more recent review of the seven warehouses initially identified, one warehouse building was completed and issued an occupancy permit, and a second requires a zone change approval, and therefore staff reports that there are a total of five (5) warehouses in the development review or construction process, instead of seven, with a total of 2.8 million square feet of building space.

These extremely large facilities appear to be a growing trend in response to an increased demand for online shopping and parcel delivery, and the size of these new types of facilities and fast pace of this change is a growing concern in other communities throughout the U.S.

Such facilities consume vast amounts of limited industrial land yet provide very few jobs per acre and offer typically low skill and low wage positions and are therefore not a high priority use in the Clark County Economic Development Plan, which the City has adopted.

A primary concern is the land-intensive nature of these large warehouses and low job creation, but other issues such as air pollution, implications on the City's climate action goals, increase in truck traffic to vulnerable neighborhoods, and appropriately locating such warehouses near major arterial routes and highways need to be analyzed.

On February 6, 2023, City Council affirmed the moratorium but, in order to minimize impacts to local manufacturers or business-to-business storage needs, requested that the scope be narrowed as follows: 1) increase the total size of warehouse projects subject to the moratorium from 100,000 square feet to 250,000 square feet; 2) exempt the Port of Vancouver from the moratorium on property owned by the Port and provided that any warehouse is for shipment of bulk goods, not home delivery of retail goods; and 3) exempt warehouse facilities that are exclusively for traded sector goods.

Early analysis indicates that there are very few vacant or underdeveloped industrial parcels that could accommodate a warehouse of 250,000 square feet or larger, however several large parcels would be vulnerable to a large warehouse project becoming vested to existing standards if the moratorium is not extended to allow more time for new land use and development standards to be adopted.

Request: On Monday, May 22, 2023, approve ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, June 5, 2023.

*Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, 360-487-7882;
Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 360-487-7946*

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

Motion approved the request.

6. Appointments to the Transportation and Mobility Commission

The Transportation and Mobility Commission provides advice to Vancouver City Council, the City Manager and city staff on a variety of transportation and mobility-

related projects, programs and policies. It also provides ongoing feedback and guidance on development of citywide transportation policy through the update of the city's Transportation System Plan.

Council Committee 1 recently interviewed nine candidates for the following two mid-term seats on the Transportation and Mobility Commission:

- *Person who drives as their primary mode of transportation*
- *Person with expertise or experience in transportation planning, design, engineering, maintenance or operations*

Committee 1 recommends the appointments of Soroush Mohandessi to the seat representing a driver as primary mode of transportation and Thinh Phan to the seat representing a transportation professional. The position representing the driver will begin immediately and expire Dec. 31, 2025. The term for the position representing a transportation professional would begin immediately and expire Dec. 31, 2023; due to the timing of the appointment and to ensure efficiency and continuity of the Commission's operations, Committee 1 recommends appointing Mr. Phan for a full three-year term following the conclusion of the current mid-term, expiring Dec. 31, 2026.

If there are no objections, we would like to make these appointments at the Monday, May 22, 2023, City Council meeting.

Request: Appoint to the Transportation and Mobility Commission Soroush Mohandessi, term beginning immediately and expiring Dec. 31, 2025, and Thinh Phan, term beginning immediately and expiring Dec. 31, 2026.

Council Committee 1 (Hansen, Paulsen, Perez)

Motion approved the request.

7. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for May 22, 2023.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$11,466,154.99.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

State Legislative Wrap Up

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, and Brian Enslow, Contract State Lobbyist, discussed the State Legislative Wrap Up.

Adjournment

7:49 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle
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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

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Natasha Ramras
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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 4:22 AM
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Please extend the warehouse moratorium.

As noted in the staff report, large warehouses:

- consume vast amounts of limited industrial land
- provide very few jobs per acre
- are land-intensive
- create air pollution and increased truck traffic.

Please vote FOR the extension. Thank you.

Jean M. Avery
Vancouver

From: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Comment for #5, May 22 Council Meeting
Date: Monday, May 22, 2023 10:32:09 AM

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From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
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From: Cathryn Chudy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 11:00 AM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: Eiken, Chad <Chad.Eiken@cityofvancouver.us>; Snodgrass, Bryan <Bryan.Snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us>; Holmes, Eric <Eric.Holmes@cityofvancouver.us>
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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

Please vote to approve the Ordinance to Extend the Moratorium on Large Warehouses and Distribution Centers, as requested by staff.

At the urging of business and development interests, the scope of the Moratorium was narrowed in March, and modifying exemptions were granted.

The original timeline has been revised by staff and will actually require only about half of the time needed to complete public outreach and code development. Both of these elements are necessary and community protective.

Given previous concessions already made to business/development interests, it makes sense that our Council provide the requested time for staff to ensure that all community voices have an opportunity to weigh in through the public outreach sessions, and that appropriate limitations and development standards that fully address the impacts and concerns being considered, are completely formulated as planned.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Chudy

Vancouver, WA

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Cathryn Chudy.

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
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Subject: FW: Warehouse moratorium vote
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Sincerely,

Jim Byrne

Ridgefield WA, 98642

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From: Protect our children's future. Vote yes on 1287 and 1091 <[REDACTED]>
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From Don Steinke

To the Vancouver City Council and staff

Hello everyone, my name is Don Steinke. (I taught science and math for 43 years, mostly at FVHS.)

I support the 6-month Moratorium Extension for Large Warehouse and Distribution Centers and the Action Requested by staff.

Initially I was concerned that your moratorium would drive warehouse development to the outskirts of the City, and yes there are several being proposed there, but as I understand it, they still need to comply with SEPA, and the County needs to comply with HB 1181 which became Washington State law about 3 weeks ago.

HB1181 amends GMA to require the fastest growing Counties and Cities in those Counties with a population over 6000 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We can't reduce emissions if newcomers increase them. With that in mind, I wish to now focus on what your new ordinance should require.

- All new projects should be about 99% electric. That allows some places to have propane as a backup in case of emergency.
- All new parking lots should have enough conduit installed to provide for 100% battery electric trucks, cars, and forklifts.

- The building and parking lot should have enough solar panels to be net zero energy. They could pay for themselves in 12 years, and save money for the next 12. The building probably should also have a large stationary battery. The developer may not even have to pay for the solar panels. Clark Public Utilities right now is developing a Community Solar project on the buildings of the Port of Camas Washougal. The panels will be paid for and owned by businesses, governments, and private citizens. Clark Public Utilities will pay the owners for the energy produced.
- As of Jan 1, 2023, The California Energy Code requires installing solar power and battery storage for new commercial buildings. Vancouver can be the first in Washington to do that.

Our Climate Commitment Act requires polluters to purchase permits to pollute. That program will raise about \$1 billion per year to provide incentives for electric trucks, charging stations, solar panels, and grid improvements. It may also raise the price of fossil gas.

Fossil fuel infrastructure and heating systems are likely to be obsolete before they are paid for.

I support the 6-month Moratorium Extension for Large Warehouse and Distribution Centers and the Action Requested by staff.

Thanks for all you do. Don Steinke

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Subject: FW: CORRECTED, item # 5 - Please vote to approve Ordinance to Extend Moratorium on Large Warehouses and Distribution Centers (Item #5 on May 22, 2023 Agenda)
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Cathryn Chudy

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

Please vote to approve the Ordinance to Extend the Moratorium on Large Warehouses and Distribution Centers, as requested by staff.

At the urging of business and development interests, the scope of the Moratorium was narrowed in March, and modifying exemptions were granted.

The original timeline has been revised by staff and will actually require only about half of the time needed to complete public outreach and code development. Both of these elements are necessary and community protective.

Given previous concessions already made to business/development interests, it makes sense that our Council provide the requested time for staff to ensure that all community voices have an opportunity to weigh in through the public outreach sessions, and that appropriate limitations and development standards that fully address the impacts and concerns being considered, are completely formulated as planned.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Chudy

Vancouver, WA

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Why mayors should rule the world: Benjamin Barber at TEDGlobal 2013

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“Democracy is in trouble,” announces political theorist Benjamin Barber as he makes his way onto the TEDGlobal stage. He continues: “We live in a 21st-century world of interdependence and brutal interdependent problems. Yet when we look for solutions in politics and democracy, we are faced with political institutions designed 400 years ago.”

What can one do about this asymmetry between contemporary challenges and archaic, dysfunctional political institutions? “My suggestion is we change the subject,” says Barber: It’s time to start talking about cities. Urban areas, after all, are the place in which civilization and culture were born, the home of public spaces of culture and protest. Think Zuccotti Park, Tahrir Square, Taksim Square, or even Tiananmen Square in Beijing. (This last mention raises a whoop from the audience.) “Those are the public spaces where we announce ourselves as citizens, participants, as people with the right to write our own narratives,” says Barber, who points out that more than half the world’s population now lives in cities. “Cities are where the action is. Cities are us.”

And given that cities are run by mayors, maybe, just maybe, it might be time for mayors to rule the world. This idea also raises a murmur from the crowd, but Barber promptly pushes the idea further. “Actually they already do.” Now the question is how to create a world in which they play an even more prominent role. He has some reasons for his theory:

Mayors are pragmatists: They get things done, or they’re out of a job. Barber quotes Mayor Michael Nutter of Philadelphia, who described how he would never get away with the paralysis and inaction of Washington. Mayors have to put matters of ideology, religion, or ethnicity aside to draw everyone in a city together. He references Teddy Kollek, legendary mayor of Jerusalem, who quashed religious squabbling in his office by telling the assembled clerics, “Gentlemen, spare me your sermons and I will fix your sewers.” That’s what mayors do, adds Barber. “They fix sewers.”

Mayors are homeboys: In general, mayors are from the city they govern. Barber cites Ed Koch, who legendarily asked New Yorkers how he was doing. “Imagine David Cameron wandering around the UK asking ‘how’m I doing?’ He wouldn’t like the answer,” he says, to laughs from the audience.

Mayors have higher trust levels: In the United States, only 18% of Americans approve of Congress. But rates for mayors are generally over 70%. “A mayor is more likely to get out of car and pull people out of burning building or intervene in a mugging in the street because he sees it,” he says, referring to Cory Booker, mayor of Newark, who legendarily did the former. “No head of state would be permitted by his security detail to do that.”

Cities are profoundly multicultural, open, participatory, and democratic: They

work together on big issues that national leaders are apparently only able to fight about. “There is lots cities can do even when opaque stubborn nations refuse to act,” says Barber.



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So what's the bottom line? “The bottom line is we still live politically in a world of borders, boundaries, wars — where states refuse to act together,” Barber says. “Yet we know that the reality we experience day to day is a world without borders, a world of diseases without borders, doctors without borders, of economics and technology without borders, of education without borders, of terrorism and war without borders. That is the real world. Unless we find a way to globalize democracy or at least democratize globalization, we will not only risk failure to address transnational problems but risk losing democracy itself, locked up in the old nation-state box and unable to address global problems democratically.”

It's a sobering thought. But Barber is not here to depress us. “Democracy was born in the ancient polis; I believe it can be reborn in the global cosmopolis,” he says, as he calls for the creation of a global parliament of mayors. “I love that idea,” he says. “A parliament of mayors is a parliament of citizens, and that's a parliament of us, of you,