



City Council Meeting Minutes

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

June 3, 2024

WORKSHOPS: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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

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

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Transportation Improvement Program Updates

(Approximately 1 Hour)

Chris Malone, Public Works Finance & Asset Manager, 360-487-7711

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Transportation Improvement Program Updates.

Councilmembers Stober, Paulsen and Fox were absent from the workshop.

Transportation Demand Management Programs Update

(Approximately 30 minutes, to immediately follow previous workshop)

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, 360-487-7896; Olivia Kahn, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, 360-487-7939

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Transportation Demand Management Programs Update.

Councilmembers Stober, Paulsen and Fox were absent from the workshop.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES (6:00-6:30 P.M.)

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 McEnemy-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmembers Harless, Perez, Hansen, and Mayor McEnemy-Ogle

Absent: Councilmembers Stober, Paulsen and Fox

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and approved unanimously to excuse Councilmembers Stober, Paulsen and Fox.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - May 13, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2024.

Proclamations: Ride Transit Month; Pride Month

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Terah Ebie, Co-organizer of Vancouver's Pride Block Party and board member at QYRC, proclaiming June 2024, as Pride Month.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Leann Caver, Chief Operating Officer of C-Tran, proclaiming June 2024, as Ride Transit Month.

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:

- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve items 1-6 on the Consent Agenda.

1. Piggyback Contract - Northwest Playground Equipment Inc Extension

Staff Report: 101-24

KCDA is a cooperative purchasing program for public agencies in

Washington. The City has established a contract through this program and used it to purchase play equipment for parks including Nikkei, Esther Short, Marshall, and VanVleet. The current contract spending threshold of \$300,000 will be exceeded on the next project. We are asking that this contract be amended for purchases and installation to be made according to the department's current authorized budget in place of setting a new spending threshold. In keeping with Parks' effort to streamline purchases, staff is requesting the ability to purchase from this contract and take advantage of the contract pricing.

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to approve purchases under KCDA Contract #22-315 for purchase and installation of play equipment, matting & surfacing, and site amenities for the life of the contract up to the current authorized budget.

Dave Perlick, Parks and Recreation Director, 360-487-8314

Motion approved the request.

2. Sewer Easement with Clark Regional Wastewater District

Staff Report: 102-24

The City of Vancouver currently owns 38 acres located at 12601 NE 72nd Avenue. This property was purchased in 1999 by Vancouver fire district #5 and Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation for the construction of a fire station and for park purposes.

In 2007 City of Vancouver Fire Station #7 was constructed on the five acres that are adjacent to NE 72nd Avenue, which left the remaining 33 acres of the property for future park development. In May of 2013, the City conveyed an easement for "park purposes" to Clark County over the eastern 33 acres of the property. Clark County has recently delayed the development of the Curtin Creek Community Park on a portion of the remaining 33 acres; however, Clark Regional Wastewater District desires to continue with their Curtin Creek Trunk Project.

The purpose of this easement is to allow Clark Regional Wastewater District to install sewer facilities which will serve not only City of Vancouver Fire Station #7 and Curtin Creek Community Park but additional development in the area.

Fire Station #7 is currently served by a septic system. As a condition of granting CRWWD an easement over City property, CRWWD will, at their expense, coordinate the connection to the new district-owned lateral upon completion of the mainline extension – inclusive of all fees and expenses for the application, permitting, plan review, processing fees involved in a new connection. The City of Vancouver will be responsible for system development charges which cannot be waived by CRWWD and

decommissioning of the existing septic system.

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Sewer Easement with Clark Regional Wastewater District for the development of CRWWD's Curtin Creek Trunk Project.

Linda Carlson, Property Management Specialist, 360-487-8423

Motion approved the request.

3. Resolution for the Award of the Culture, Arts & Heritage Grants

Staff Report: 103-24

A RESOLUTION awarding City of Vancouver Culture, Arts & Heritage Grants for 2024 as recommended by the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission.

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

Funding for the Culture, Arts & Heritage Grant Program was restored in the 2023-2024 biennial budget. In 2023, 15 grants totaling \$92,100 were awarded based on recommendations from the Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission. The Commission additionally recommended the award of \$25,000 to 25 performers at the Vancouver Arts & Music Festival. \$7,900 was added to the 2024 grant budget.

The 2023 grants provided funding for murals, concerts, cultural events, and arts education in K-12 schools, as well as compensation for artists and musicians across 9 zip codes in the Vancouver Urban Growth Area. Project reports reflect that tens of thousands Vancouver residents have benefitted from the grant projects through access to art, culture and heritage that may not have been available without the City's grant program.

This year, the City received 31 proposals for grant funding, a 61% increase from the 2023 grant cycle. The Commission voted on the 2024 proposals at its May 7, 2024, meeting and is recommending funding for 20 grant proposals totaling \$107,900. The Commission also recommends a direct commitment of \$25,000 to the Vancouver Art & Music Festival, which will be awarded as grants to performers who were chosen by a competitive process by the Dance Performance Selection Committee and the Music Performance Selection Committee.

Request: On June 3, 2024, approve the 2024 Culture, Arts & Heritage Grants and grants to the festival performers, as recommended by the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission, and authorize

the City Manager, or designee, to execute grant agreements consistent with the awards.

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

Motion adopted Resolution M-4275 to approve the request.

4. **Resolution for the Artillery Barracks Roof Replacement Grant**

Staff Report: 104-24

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Vancouver to apply for a Heritage Capital Projects grant from the Washington State Historical Society to fund the replacement of the Artillery Barracks roof on Officers Row; providing for severability and an effective date.

Since 2012, the City and the Historic Trust have strategically pursued the replacement of most of the roofs on Officers Row and in the West Reserve area. In many of these projects, we have been successful at leveraging funding through WSHS targeted to historic preservation to support this work. Recent projects include the Grant House, completed last year, and the O. O. Howard House, slated for construction this summer.

The City and Trust have identified the Artillery Barracks as the next priority project. Work will include replacement of the roof and associated repairs to ensure durable weatherization to support preservation of this historic asset. Based on cost estimates for this work, grant funds of \$260,000 will be requested. The grant match will be up to \$520,000 and cash reserve is available in the Vancouver National Historic Register (VNHR) capital fund to support this project.

Finalization of plans and refinement of costs is occurring now and a contract for construction would come to City Council in a separate action if this grant is received.

Request: On June 3, 2024, adopt a resolution supporting the City's application for a 2025-2027 Heritage Capital Projects grant from Washington State Historic Society to replace the roof on the Artillery Barracks.

Dave Perlick, Parks and Recreation Director, 360-487-8314

Motion adopted Resolution M-4276 to approve the request.

5. **South Cascade Terrace Subdivision**

Staff Report: 105-24

AN ORDINANCE rendering findings and issuing a decision on the South

Cascade Terrace zone change from R-9 Lower Density Residential to R-17 Lower Density Residential; and a 60-lot subdivision; and providing for severability and an effective date.

On April 16, 2024, a public hearing was conducted before the Hearings Examiner. On May 9, 2024, the Hearings Examiner issued findings, conclusions and recommendations. Her findings/recommendation are that both the zone change ordinance and subdivision should be APPROVED by City Council.

Additionally, on the April 16, 2024, the SEPA appeal was heard by the Hearing Examiner and subsequently DENIED on May 9, 2024.

Request: On Monday, June 3, 2024, approve the ordinance on first reading; setting date of second reading and quasi-judicial public hearing for July 1, 2024.

Kristian Corbin, Senior Planner, 360-487-7818

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

Motion approved the request.

6. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 3, 2024.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$16,415,471.18.

Public Hearings (Item 7-8)

7. Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal

Staff Report: 083-24

AN ORDINANCE relating to cable television, renewing with revised terms and conditions, a nonexclusive and revocable franchise to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington ("Comcast"), pursuant to state and federal law, City Charter and City ordinance codified at Chapter 5.19, Vancouver Municipal Code, to operate, maintain, reconstruct and repair a Cable System for the purpose of providing only cable service, subject to the terms set forth in the Franchise Agreement.

The current cable franchise agreement between the City (and Clark County) and Comcast will expire June 30, 2024. Federal law outlines the process which local governments must follow in determining whether to renew a

*franchise with an existing operator. Beginning in 2021, the Vancouver/Clark County Telecommunications Commission (Commission) conducted an extensive public process, consistent with the requirements of federal law, to determine community needs and priorities regarding a renewed franchise with Comcast. A City/County team has negotiated a proposed new agreement which reflects those needs and priorities, as highlighted in the attached "Priority Issues of the Vancouver/Clark County Franchise Renewal Process." The Commission conducted public hearings and adopted Findings and Recommendations (attached), unanimously recommending that the City and Clark County each award Comcast a renewed franchise agreement to be effective July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2034. **(NOTE: City charter requires that franchise agreements be published for at least 30 days between first and second reading.)***

The Commission finds that the proposed renewed franchise agreement, if approved, would meet the identified community needs and interests as follows:

- 1. Franchise term of 10 years, effective July 1, 2024 – July 1, 2034;*
- 2. Comcast would continue to pay 5% of gross revenues in franchise fees to the City and County;*
- 3. Comcast would switch from collecting \$1/month per residential subscriber PEG Capital Fees to support capital equipment needs of Public, Education and Government (PEG) channels to 1% of gross revenues;*
- 4. The proposed franchise would provide expanded customer service provisions;*
- 5. The density buildout requirements for extending the cable service moves from requiring 30 homes per cable mile to 20 homes in aerial neighborhoods;*
- 6. Comcast would provide two additional High-Definition ("HD") simulcast PEG channels by November 2024 for a maximum of five HD channels;*
- 7. PEG channels would be available to all cable subscribers; and*
- 8. Comcast would maintain where possible Washington State and local programming (including continuation of TVW, the Washington State public affairs station).*

Request: On Monday, June 3, 2024, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the franchise ordinance.

Jim Demmon, Video Services Manager, 360-487-8706

Jim Demmon, Video Services Manager, provided an overview of the Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal.

Staff provided an overview of the item.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and did not receive testimony from the community.

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

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4449.

8. **2024 First Supplemental Budget**

Staff Report: 099-24

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2023-24 Biennial Budget and making various appropriations in various funds; declaring an emergency.

The first supplemental of 2024 includes administrative items, expenditures associated with new external revenues, as well as requests based on newly identified needs.

The recommended expenditure appropriation increases for the City's Operating and Capital funds included in the 2024 First Supplemental Budget totals \$38.7 million. An increase of \$30.7 million relates to recommended changes in the Operating budget, with the remaining appropriation increase of \$8.0 million representing changes in capital projects and supporting funding transfers. The Supplemental will result in utilizing \$9.3 million in city resources; of that amount, the General Fund's share is \$4.9 million.

Appropriation increases to the General, Street and Fire funds total \$5.3 million over the biennium. Major items are summarized below.

- Miscellaneous grants include: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation for Vancouver Safe Stay communities; Commerce Planning Grant for comprehensive plan & climate-related activities; Office of Public Defense Grant for indigent defendant services; and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant for the Brownfield assessment. Grants specific to Public Safety include: Domestic Violence (DV) Stop Grant for DV unit training and cell phones for victims; Internet Crimes Against Children Grant to enhance investigative capabilities; Anna Hammon donation for marine equipment; WA State Department of Health Participation Grant for a Pneumothorax Training Simulator; Community Foundation Grant for match funding for the Project Home Safe Grant; and United Grain Donation for marine equipment and training.*
- New items include: Conversion of several temporary employees in Recreation Services into 4.0 FTE Recreation Specialists and 4.5 FTE Dual Certified Lifeguards; Fourth Plain Commons maintenance utility costs; Vancouver Arts and Music Festival; Personal property box*

services for homeless; 2024 increases for Liability and Workers Compensation claims costs and Insurance; fleet replacement and 2024 fleet rate model true-up; 2024 Cost Allocation Plan Model true-up; replacement of Police timekeeping software; vehicle for Assistant Police Chief; reserve Fire truck; and temporary help for the Fire Marshal's Office.

The remaining appropriation increase relates to changes in other operating city funds. Major changes are summarized below:

- Miscellaneous grants include: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for additional coronavirus funding; Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) Grants for Datepark Residence, Lincoln Place II, Parkhouse Vista, and Waterfront Gateway; Urban Forestry Green Workforce Grant for a Summer Green Workforce training program; 2024 Public Education Grants (PEG) to provide upgrades to school studios and equipment.*
- New items include: adding 0.5 FTE Airport Program Coordinator and reducing 1.0 FTE Senior Civil Engineer consistent with an internal reorganization in the Public Works Wastewater division; new parking pay stations and installation; increase to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Grant program; funding for Esther Short Park Bell Tower; Marine Park Building remodel for space needs (phase 2); fleet equipment and vehicle replacements; 2024 fleet rate model true-up; realignment of funds for Fleet Services Consultant; 2024 increases for Liability and Workers Compensation claims costs and Insurance; and 2024 Cost Allocation Plan Model true-up.*

The total net Capital Budget appropriation of \$8.0 million (including capital funding) is included in the First Supplemental of 2024. Expenditures by project are outlined in Attachment C to the ordinance. Highlights of Attachment C are listed below:

- General Capital/Asset Management projects totaling \$1.4 million:*
 - Fire Station 5 Logistics Warehouse Increase*
 - Land clearing for construction of Fire Station 6 station replacement*
 - HVAC Replacement (Water Center & Marine Park)*
- Parks Capital projects totaling \$5.0 million:*
 - Civic Gateway Plaza Construction*
 - Heights Plaza Design*
 - Oakbrook Community Park (increase)*
 - Evergreen School Park Improvements*
- Streets/Transportation Capital projects totaling \$4.2 million:*
 - Heights District Redevelopment*
 - Fourth Plain Road Diet (WA Dept of Transportation Grant)*
 - First Street Utility Relocation*
 - Hazel Dell Ave & Burnt Bridge Creek Trail Crossing Improvements*

- *NE 192nd Ave & NE 13th Street Signal Improvement*
- *Main Street – 5th to 15 budget reduction (Transportation Benefit District funding alignment)*
- *Water/Surfacewater/Wastewater Capital projects budget alignment of - \$12.5 million:*
 - *Ellsworth Well Rehabilitation*
 - *Water Station 4 Hypochlorite Generation System*
 - *Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) 4th Plain Crossing*
 - *Water Station 3 Reservoir Improvements*
 - *Columbia Way to Columbia River Retrofits*
 - *Wastewater Program Funding*
 - *East Vancouver - North*
 - *Central Vancouver South*
 - *Lagoon Upgrade Engineering Design*
- *Capital funding transfers supporting the City's capital projects budget total \$9.9 million.*

Attachment B of the ordinance outlines changes to full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, with an overall net new increase of 4.0 FTEs recommended in the 2024 First Supplemental. Staffing changes are listed below:

- *Add 4.0 FTE, Recreation Specialists to support the conversion of temporary help staff and provide support for year-round programs and operations of City pools*
- *Add 4.5 FTE, Dual Certified Lifeguards to support the conversion of temporary help staff and provide consistent year-round support for the Learn to Swim and Lifeguard programs*
- *Add 0.5 FTE, Program Coordinator to provide additional support at the Pearson Airport*
- *Reduce 1.0 FTE, Senior Civil Engineer consistent with an internal reorganization in the Public Works Wastewater division*
- *Amendment to Attachment B to correct errors in authorized FTEs within Fire and Parking. There are no monetary impacts to these corrections, they are only administrative in nature:*
 - *Reduce 1.0 FTE, Material Control Coordinator (Fire)*
 - *Reduce 2.0 FTE, Senior Support Specialists (Fire)*
 - *Reduce 0.5 FTE, Support Specialist (Fire)*
 - *Reduce 0.5 FTE, Senior Support Specialist (Economic Prosperity & Housing – Parking)*

Request: On Monday, June 3, 2024, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Shannon Olsen, Budget Manager, 360-487-8497

Shannon Olsen, Budget Manager, provided an overview of the 2024 First Supplemental Budget.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and did not receive testimony from the community.

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

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4450.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Charter Review Update

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, discussed the Charter Review Update.

Adjournment

7:04 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

The written comments below are those of the submitter alone and are not representative of the views of CVTV or the City of Vancouver, its elected or appointed officials, or its employees.

VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION #1

MY NAME IS KEVIN CALLAHAN AND I LIVE IN THE FELIDA AREA OF GREATER VANCOUVER. I AM SPEAKING TO YOU AS A MEMBER OF AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE AREA AGENCY OF AGING OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON. AS A FORMER CITY PLANNER, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT PROTECTING A PRECIOUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCE WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN WE THINK OF THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCENTRATE ON MEETING THE UNMET NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS AND LOOK TO BUILD NEW HOUSING.

BUT DO YOU REALIZE THAT THERE ARE OVER 1,600 UNITS OF UNSUBSUDIZED AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALREADY IN VANCOUVER THAT NEED TO BE PRESERVED. I AM TALKING ABOUT VANCOUVER'S NEARLY TWO DOZEN MANUFACTURED HOUSING PARKS. THESE PARKS A UNIQUE FORM OF HOUSING WHERE THE RESIDENTS ARE BOTH HOMEOWNERS AND LAND RENTERS. AN AVERAGE PARK IN VANCOUVER CONTAINS ABOUT 90 HOUSING UNITS WITH AN AVERAGE HOME VALUE OF \$150,000. THE CUMULATIVE VALUE OF HOUSING IN THAT AVERAGE PARK IS OVER \$13 MILLION OF PRIVATE FUNDS.

CITYWIDE, THE 1600 HOMES IN THESE PARKS WOULD HAVE A CUMULATIVE VALUE OF OVER \$240 MILLION. THE TYPICAL LAND RENT PER SPACE IN THESE PARKS IS \$700/MONTH, WHICH MAKE FOR AFFORDABLE SECURE HOUSING FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

HOWEVER, RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN A TREND THAT THREATENS THE AFFORDABILITY OF THIS TYPE OF HOUSING. CORPORATE INTERESTS AND WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN BUYING UP MOBILE HOME PARKS AND EITHER SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE RENTS OR CONVERTING THE PARKS TO HIGHER DENSITY HOUSING.

I KNOW THAT THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO REDUCING HOMELESSNESS AND PROTECTING ITS EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE MOST SECURE WAY OF PROTECTING THE AFFORDABILITY OF THESE PARKS IS HELP THE TENANTS PURCHASE THE PARK BY FORMING A COOPERATIVE OR CONDOMINIUM. STATE LAW PROVIDES A PATHWAY FOR DOING THIS WHICH ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO FORM AN ASSOCIATION AND MAKE A PURCHASE OFFER WITHIN 70 DAYS OF A FORMAL WRITTEN NOTICE. THIS PROCESS, WHILE WELL INTENTIONED, HAS SEVERAL PROBLEMS. MOST EXISTING PARKS HAVE NO FORMAL TENANT ORGANIZATION. IF THE FIRST NOTICE OF A PROPOSED SALE IS A CERTIFIED

LETTER, GENERALLY CAUSE CONFUSION OR PERHAPS EVEN PANIC AMONG RESIDENTS. THE FORMATION OF A COOP, ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, ELECTION OF A BOARD, DUE DILLIGENCE TO EVALUATE PROPERTY VALUE AND FINDING FINANCING WITHIN 70 DAYS IS A DAUNTING PROCESS. FINALLY, IF TENANTS CAN SOMEHOW MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS, THEY WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST PROFIT MAKING ENTITIES WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND WHOSE GOAL IS TO MAKE A PROFIT THEREFORE HIGHER RENTS.

OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING LAND USE, AND ZONING POLICIES WITH YOUR ADVANCE PLANNING AND HOUSING STAFFS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. IN THE COMING WEEKS, I WILL BE PRESENTING LAND USE, ZONING AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO THE COUNCIL ON RECOMMENDED STEPS, WHICH WE FEEL ARE CRITICALLY NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THIS MOST THREATENED SEGMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

From: [Delapena, Amanda](#)
Cc: [Holmes, Eric](#); [Lande, Aaron](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Friday, May 24, 2024 9:53:40 AM

Good morning Council,

You received the message below through the online contact regarding proposed Charter amendments. For your consideration.

Amanda Delapena
Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager

From: City of Vancouver, WA <noreply@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 5:49 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council

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Contact the City Council

Name
Janet Landesberg
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Subject
Share an Opinion of a City project or Initiative
Choose Recipient
All the Council

Message

I do not think that three districts with two representatives will promote DEI. Campaigning in 1/3 of a 200,000-population city is expensive. It pits east versus west with the center having to take sides.

If you prefer 8 city councilors, then why not six districts? The ability to touch your representative is diminished with two in the same district. I disagree with the assumption that a 75 percent Caucasian population makes for a homogenous community. The more districts, the greater chance that a minority community member might take on the challenge to run for city council. Thanks.

From: [Wynn Grich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Fwd: New Study: Fluoridation in US Linked to Significant Harm for Children's Developing Brains
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 1:32:42 PM

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Send to council members and MELNECK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. How about taking action to stop this public poisoning of our drinking water. Thanks from Wynn

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Fluoride Action Network** <mail@networkforgood.com>

Date: Tue, May 21, 2024, 9:58 AM

Subject: New Study: Fluoridation in US Linked to Significant Harm for Children's Developing Brains

To: <[REDACTED]>

Image



New Study: Fluoridation in US Linked to Significant Harm for Children's Developing Brains



Government funded study found mothers with higher fluoride exposure had children with double the risk of neurobehavioral problems

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Los Angeles, California (May 20, 2024) – A [study published](#) in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* on Monday found that in fluoridated Los Angeles, the children of mothers with higher fluoride exposures during pregnancy had double the odds of several neurobehavioral problems compared to mothers with lower exposures. Funding for the

study was provided by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), reports the Fluoride Action Network.

Children exposed to more fluoride had significantly more problems with emotional reactivity, somatic complaints (such as headaches), anxiety, and symptoms linked to autism.

This represents the [10th consecutive NIH-funded study](#) in humans finding adverse effects of fluoride on children's developing brains. It supports and extends the findings of a study published two years ago that found increased somatic and anxiety problems in adolescents in fluoridated Cincinnati OH. The previous 8 studies were in Canada and Mexico and consistently found a lowering of IQ or an increased risk of behavioral problems like ADHD associated with early life exposure to fluoridated water or fluoridated salt.

One such study was by [Green et. al.](#) published in JAMA Pediatrics in 2019, linking exposure to "optimally" fluoridated water in Canada during pregnancy to a lowered IQ for the child. At the time, JAMA Pediatrics editor Dimitri Christakis, MD, MPH, [remarked](#): "The effects of this study are comparable to the effects of lead, and if these findings are true, there should be as much concern about prenatal fluoride exposure. The question that needs to be asked of every pediatrician, scientist, and epidemiologist is what they're going to tell pregnant women." Christakis said he would advise his pregnant friends and family to avoid fluoridated water. "We can't tell them to wait years for another study."

FAN's Executive Director, Stuart Cooper, said, "Scientists are sounding the alarm. NIH has only recently funded 10 studies investigating the effects of fluoride on the developing brain, and all 10 have found cognitive impairment and neurobehavioral side-effects. This is 100% consistency across multiple birth cohorts, with different study authors, studying children from different cultures, social economic backgrounds, and countries, all finding the same result."

This latest study was conducted by researchers based at the University of Southern California on a cohort of mothers and children called the [MADRES](#) cohort. The stated goal of MADRES is to reduce the effects of environmental contaminants on the health and well-being of marginalized communities.

Fluoride exposures during pregnancy were assessed from measurements of urinary fluoride in the first and third trimesters. The study found that urinary fluoride levels were almost identical to those found in Canadian and Mexican studies where the main source of fluoride was artificial water fluoridation or salt fluoridation, respectively.

"This exposure can impact the developing fetus," [said](#) Tracey Bastain, PhD, the study's senior author. "Eliminating that from drinking water is probably a good practice."

Behavioral problems in the children were assessed at 3 years of age with a widely-used method called the [Child Behavior Checklist](#) (CBCL). The types of behavioral problems assessed by the CBCL are classified into two types, ["internalizing" and "externalizing"](#):

"Internalizing problems sums the Anxious/depressed, Withdrawn-depressed, and Somatic complaints scores; Externalizing problems combines Rule-breaking and Aggressive behavior. There also is a Total problems score, which is the sum of the scores of all the problem items."

The MADRES cohort showed a significantly increased risk of total and internalizing problems as fluoride exposure increased. All seven of the CBCL problem sub-scales increased with increasing fluoride exposure, with somatic complaints and emotionally reactive classifications increasing the most, by 20% and 14%, respectively. None decreased.

Similarly, the study adapted CBCL scores to five subscales used in the American Psychiatric Association's [DSM-5](#) (Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) to assess behavioral problems and found all five types of behavior problems increased as fluoride increased. Autism and Anxiety symptom scores increased the most. An increase in maternal urine fluoride during pregnancy of 0.68 mg/L was associated with a significant 19% increase in autism spectrum problems.

FAN's Science Director, Chris Neurath, noted, "This is the first rigorous study to look at fluoride and autism symptoms, so it is concerning that it suggests a link. Its findings bolster [reports](#) of individuals with autism whose symptoms are made worse

when drinking fluoridated water or other sources of fluoride.”

The study controlled for many potentially confounding factors, thereby increasing confidence that fluoride was the cause of the increased behavioral problems. When controlling for prenatal lead exposure, the increased odds of behavior problems went from a doubling to as much as quadrupling.

In [a press release](#) from the Keck School of Medicine at USC, lead author Dr. Ashley Malin, said:

“Our findings are noteworthy, given that the women in this study were exposed to pretty low levels of fluoride—levels that are typical of those living in fluoridated regions within North America. There are no known benefits to the fetus from ingesting fluoride, and yet now we have several studies conducted in North America suggesting that there may be a pretty significant risk to the developing brain during that time.”

Malin’s comments are more relevant than ever after the publication of two large studies from England, the [CATFISH](#) study in children and the [LOTUS](#) study in adults, that found virtually no dental benefit from fluoridated water. Neither did they find any benefit for those in low socio-economic status groups.

The authors also [emphasized](#) that this is not an isolated study, but the most recent in a large number of studies consistently finding that fluoride harms the developing brain, including at exposures commonly found in people living in areas with fluoridation at 0.7 mg/L:

“Taken together, the weight of the scientific literature supports an association of prenatal fluoride exposure with adverse child cognitive and neurobehavioral development in North America.”

Dr. Howard Hu, Professor of Population and Public Health Sciences at USC and co-author of the study, [further emphasized](#) the importance of the large volume of research consistently finding that low levels of exposure to fluoride are harmful:

“When you add this to all the other studies that have been done on this subject in the last few years, it creates a body of evidence, which — in conjunction with the basic science looking at how fluoride may be toxicologically active on the brain — suggests that the impact of fluoride on neurobehavioral development problems is causal. It’s not just an epidemiological association.”

They cite the National Toxicology Program’s [recent systematic review](#), which has identified over 70 human studies of fluoride and IQ, with 90% of them finding a significant reduction in IQ. Among the 19 highest quality studies—many with exposures in the range found in fluoridated communities—18 found reductions in IQ, a 95% consistency.

Cooper pointed out that “it’s shameful that it has taken this long for a study of fluoride’s effect on the brain of children to be done here in the US. In other countries, studies were being conducted decades ago, and they were consistently finding problems. The US is the birthplace of fluoridation and one of the few countries still practicing it, but our government avoided doing the research, perhaps out of fear of what would be found.”

Fluoridation proponents have even used the absence of a US study to dismiss the findings of studies from other countries. In FAN’s ongoing [lawsuit against the EPA in federal court](#) seeking to prohibit the addition of fluoride to drinking water, the EPA argued that extrapolating from other countries to the US was not possible.

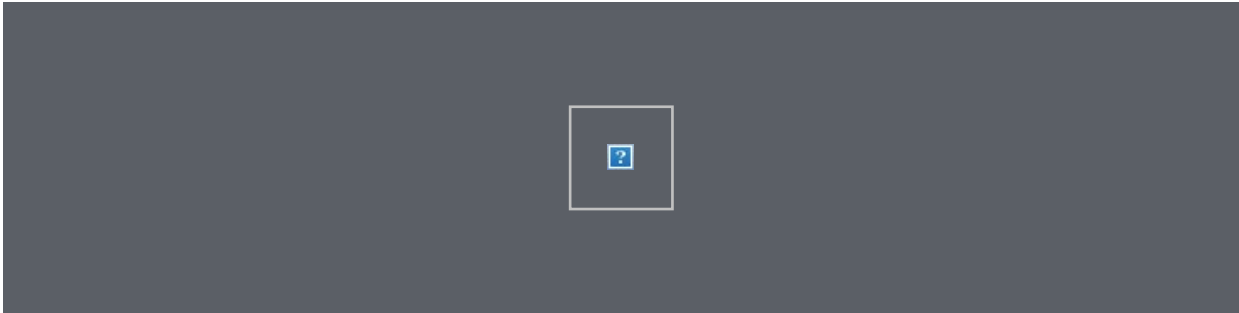
Cooper says, “Clearly, this was never a valid argument, and this new study should put that misinformation to rest.” He added, “A federal ruling in our lawsuit is expected any day now. This new study further confirms that parents must not expose a child’s developing brain to fluoride, and the only way this is possible is if policymakers end water fluoridation immediately.”

In response to the neurotoxicity science, the NTP report, and the federal lawsuit, there has been a recent groundswell of citizens, water operators, local officials, and state legislators calling for an end to fluoridation. Bills to prohibit fluoridation have recently been introduced in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Hawaii, and Oklahoma, and legislation to reverse state fluoridation mandates was introduced in Kentucky, Nebraska, and Georgia.

Large communities like [State College](#), Pennsylvania, [Collier County](#), Florida, [Branson](#), Missouri, and [Union County](#), North

Carolina have recently ended their fluoridation programs after considerable research and debate. Over the past several months, more than a dozen additional towns have joined them in rejecting the practice.

One statement by a coauthor of the new study, made in the USC news release, requires correction. It was stated that most table-top water filters remove fluoride. That is not true. The large majority of water filters, including Brita-type filters, do not remove fluoride.



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From: [City Council](#)
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Subject: FW: Scanned image from Vancouver Library
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 7:54:00 AM
Attachments: [VA Library Copier_20240528_171009.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Attached is a proclamation request sent to the Council inbox. I just tested the CAPTCHA on the webform, and while it takes you through quite a few different images, it eventually does let you complete the submission. I'll flag this for Brian Bates.

Amanda Delapena
Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager

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

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TO the Clerk or whoever is in charge of the on-line application for submitting a PROCLAMATION to the City of Vancouver. I tried many times to get through the "captcha" pictures with no success; so I am scanning the enclosed two pages. The first page is directing staff to put both pages on PUBLIC RECORD and to Please deliver to all City Council Members.

Thank You for looking into the problem with the on-line submission application and have a Great Day.

Kimberlee Goheen Elbon and Carmen De Leon-resident of Vancouver WA USA
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THIS IS AN OFFICIAL SUBMISSION to The City of Vancouver and the City Council members for
A PROCLAMATION of INDEPENDENCE MONTH for the month of JULY 2024

Total pages included are three; this page, the directives and the Proclamation.

PUT THESE DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC RECORD FOR the next CITY COUNCIL meeting and Please deliver copies to all Council members.

DATED this 28th day of May 2024.

TO: The City Council Members

WE THE PEOPLE are submitting a PROCLAMATION to be proclaimed by the month of JULY 2024.

Signed ~ Kimberlee Goheen Elbon and Carmen De Leon Citizens of Clark County WA USA.

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas ~ In the year of Our Lord 1776 congress declared its Freedom from Great Britain. That these colonies are Free and Independent States and are absolved from the British crown and

Whereas ~ In the year of our lord 1776 Independence Day will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America; Celebrating with Parades, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.” John Adams wrote and

Whereas ~ Congress approved the actual DECLARTION of INDEPENDENCE document on July 4, 1776 and in September 17, 1787 drafted in secret by delegates to the Constitutional Convention during the summer of 1787 establishing The Government of The United States and guarantying our Right to abolish any government or alter them if they become destructive, and institute new government. And

NOW THEREFORE ~ Keeping with the rich Heritage, Patriotism and History of the largest Celebration this side of The Mississippi River at The Historical Fort Vancouver Barracks for Generations to come here in Clark County WA USA ~ WE THE PEOPLE hereby Proclaim with the Vancouver City Council ~ JULY as

~~~~~ INDEPENDENCE MONTH ~~~~~

In Clark County “We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness Amen.

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL

Kimberlee Goheen Elbon

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