AGENDA

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

City Council Chambers

21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington Thursday, September 5, 2024 - 6:00 PM

City Council meeting can be viewed live on the City's website, Comcast Channel 21/321 or on the City's YouTube channel.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the Study Session Agenda. Please sign in prior to the meeting and limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1. SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHIEF TED BOE

Item 2. BUDGET PRESENTATION/BUDGET STRATEGIES

2025 – 2026 Budget Presentation

Budget Presentation

Item 3. CITY MANAGER SELECTION DISCUSSION

City Manager Recruitment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 12, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment 09.05.2024

 From:
 Patricia Goodwin

 To:
 _CityCouncil

 Cc:
 Traci Buxton

Subject: Candidate Michael Eklund Grayum

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 8:27:23 PM

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Dear Mayor Buxton and Council Members,

I am so thankful that the citizens of Des Moines (such as myself) were given the opportunity to hear the city manager candidates speak last night, to see their candidate sheets, to be offered space to provide feedback and a chance fo cast our "vote" for our pick. This level of transparency was refreshing and welcome!

A few articles (in news outlets in cites in and near Yelm) are reporting that Des Moines city manager candidate Michael Eklund-Grayum has allegations of sexually inappropriate behavior during his time serving the city of Yelm. Many of us are wondering if this was considered when Michael's viability as a candidate was evaluated. Below is at least one article that is floating around Des Moines Community groups (the rest can be located by simply Googling the non-hyphenated version of his name, Michael

Grayum): https://www.chronline.com/stories/investigation-shows-city-administrator-likely-engaged-in-unwelcome-touching-sexual-comments,281319

Rather than speculate on social media platforms with fellow concerned but unknowing citizens, I thought I would just reach out to you all directly. I'd really appreciate hearing more about how the council arrived at his selection as a finalist with the public knowledge that these allegations exist, and if this information was not part of his background checking and vetting, what might the council now do with this knowledge?

Thank you very much for your time! Sincerely, Tricia Goodwin Good evening, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council and community members,

Victoria Andrews, resident of Des Moines

The budget presentation attachment stated, "There are no budget strategies or budget cuts reflected in this draft.... (and) Expenditures in the General Fund are projected to exceed revenue by about \$4.6 million in 2025."

A number of staff suggestions have been listed to close the gap, with a clear caveat that additional measures will need to be undertaken. I know many residents enjoy and would prefer getting a full-color hard copy of the City Currents. But it's a quarterly, and changes occur after publication. Meanwhile, the city manager's report is weekly, therefore timely, and provides active links to more information. I do hope eliminating Currents is one of the suggestions you will approve. Online links to sign up for classes, etc., is preferred over Facebook QR codes. As you know, not everyone chooses to use social media, myself included. Interestingly, today I received an email from Parks & Recreation with links to sign up for classes, but the one I was interested in didn't show up when I tried to find it. So the site needs more work. For those without computer access (I've met a few), copies of the weekly report can be placed in public places and residents could be offered the option of a small subscription fee to get them mailed to their homes.

I am concerned about an item not on the list that the council and many in the community hold dear. I suspect I know why. Staff report to the city manager and he reports to you. So, I believe it's time to add that item to the list of potential cuts and discuss them all with full transparency.

Many people would love a passenger ferry, but does Des Moines *need* it right now more than fiscal stability? Staff was able to secure federal funding of \$160,000 to conduct an environmental analysis and community engagement to assess the feasibility of a planned electric ferry. Please consider a hold on Mr. Phillips' monthly consulting fee until those findings have been concluded. That would save an additional \$66,000 and help steer the ship – pardon the pun – forward when our finances are in better shape. A 3-5-year plan is absolutely essential right now. Can our legislators move the dial to eliminate the property tax cap next session?

I want to believe that you all take your fiduciary role seriously, but clearly you are still putting wants before needs and while I understand how much you appreciate Mr. Phillips' contributions, please don't put your longstanding relationship with him over your responsibility to us.

From: Susan White
To: CityCouncil

Subject: Comment regarding budget discussion on Thursday, September 5, 2024

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024 4:18:55 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councimembers,

I am unable to attend this meeting but would like to submit my statement for your record.

First it's very discerning that you are still insistent on putting an already failed tax levy increase back on the ballot in November. The voters have already said NO. This is such an unfair burden on our working families and asking way too much when you seem unwilling to stop spending our tax dollars on projects that you cannot afford.

It was just brought to my attention that in July alone you spent \$3000 on a grant consulting for the passenger ferry which is simply NOT affordable for the City to have ever considered bank rolling in the first place. You spent \$5500 on the ferry consultant and why on earth the former City Manager was paid \$500 in coaching fees is a question we'd like answers to.

There has been such a lack of transparency over so long wondering how we went from riches to rags. The public deserves better. How we were able to take out a \$24M loan under a budget that was in trouble last year. Why are we even considering non revenue producing projects like the Marina Steps?? Why aren't you looking at other possibilities to bring revenue into the city without trying to increase our property taxes with a Levy Lid Lift we have already said no to and still won't solve your long term problems even it were to pass which it won't.

Respectfully,

Susan White

PLEASE CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE BUDGET CUTBACKS BEFORE ELIMINATING THE GRANT FUNDING FOR HUMAN SERVICES.

Currently, Human Services fund 23 not-for-profit agencies, using a competitive application process. In addition, the applicant agency must substantiate they can service our community with one of the following BASIC needs:

- -Secure, affordable housing and food adequate to their needs.
- · Be safe from violence within their families, neighborhoods, and communities.
- · Be healthy, both physically and mentally.
- · Have the education and job skills that lead to employment in living wage jobs.
- · Have early childhood education and youth success.

Eliminating funding for our partnering agencies would reduce or eliminate basic services to our residents. According to the Des Moines website, 11.8% of our residents live in poverty. (Poverty being defined as a family or household of 4 making under \$29,950.) The population of Des Moines is approximately 32,000. If we do the math, 3,712 residents are currently living in poverty.

This grant money has been set aside to help the most vulnerable in our community. With the cost of living increasing, rising inflation and everyday expenses, eliminating this grant would have a disproportionate impact on these families and households with long-term effects.

Respectively submitted,

Diane T. Hoyer

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Human Services Advisory Committee member

Sept. 4, 2024

Discussion Item #2

AGENDA ITEM

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: 2025 – 2026 Budget Presentation	FOR AGENDA OF: September 5, 2024
ATTACHMENTS:	DEPT. OF ORIGIN: Finance
 2025 – 2026 Budget Memo Five Year Financial Forecast 	DATE SUBMITTED: August 30, 2024
	CLEARANCES:
	[] City Clerk
	[] Community Development
	[] Courts
	[] Emergency Management
	[X] Finance M/2
	[] Human Resources
	[] Legal
	[] Marina
	[] Police
	[] Parks, Recreation & Senior Services
	[] Public Works
	APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMITTAL:

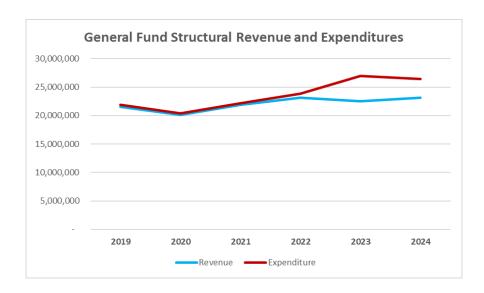
<u>Purpose</u>
The purpose of this item is to continue discussions regarding the 2025 – 2026 Biennial Budget and consider budget balancing strategies. See attached Budget Memo and Five-Year Financial Forecast.

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Background

On September 14, 2023, the City Council was presented with a five-year financial forecast which projected the solvency of the General Fund's Fund Balance was vulnerable to decline due to the post-COVID economic impacts of inflation and rising labor costs. Revenues were growing but could not keep pace with rapidly increasing costs. Balancing the 2024 budget required the use of about \$1.3M of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to aid in plugging the budget gap. Some expenditures, such as funding the costs of fleet replacement had also been significantly reduced in the budget.

The chart below displays the increase of structural expenditures against the increase of structural revenue.



To help address the General Fund's financial situation, a Finance Committee was formed in 2024. Among a number of options considered, the Committee recommended to Council placing a property tax levy lid lift on the ballot in hopes of maintaining and increasing public safety service levels. Voters rejected the ballot measure in the August 6, 2024 primary election. It will be on the ballot again on November 5, 2024. If successful in November, the increase in property tax revenue could be between \$2.5 million and \$3 million. The following budget scenarios are presuming that the ballot measure will fail again in November.

The Forecast

The five-year financial forecast included in this report is based on the initial collection of budget data from departments. **There are no budget strategies or budget cuts reflected in this draft.**

The financial forecast assumes the following:

- A 3.8% Cost of Living Adjustment (3% for Police Support Guild members)
- A 10% increase in medical premium costs
- Full funding for
 - o vehicle replacement (\$1,183,813)
 - o computer replacement (\$304,698)
 - vehicle maintenance (\$326,225)
- WCIA Insurance premium of \$1,074,153
- SCORE costs of \$794,310
- Valley Communication Center costs of \$907,256
- Public safety positions funded by the American Rescue Plan Act have been removed (Eliminates 2 Police Officer positions, Crime Analyst and Mental Health/Social Worker position)
- A 2% growth in Sales Tax
- A 1% increase to Property Tax revenue

The 2025 Budget Deficit

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Cities are required to adopt a balanced budget (RCW 35.33.075, 35A.33.075, 35.34.120, and 35A.34.120):

Appropriations shall be limited to the total estimated revenues contained therein including the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes and the unencumbered fund balances estimated to be available at the close of the current fiscal year.

2025 Budget Strategies

The following budget strategies can be implemented to reduce the budget deficit by increasing revenue and decreasing costs:

Increase Annual Revenue	
Revise Rental Facility Fee Schedule	\$ 15,000
Increase Fees:	
Animal Licenses	2,000
False Alarm Fees	5,000
Public Record Requests	20,000
Business Licenses	112,000
Utility tax on non-franchise prohibited utilities	88,500
Concealed Pistol License	 1,000
	\$243,500

Decrease Costs		
Reduce training and travel budgets	\$	60,000
Terminate Wesley Senior Services contract		150,000
reorganize PRSS		
End Burien Cares contract		100,000
Eliminate Human Services Spending		250,000
Close Redondo Police Substation		36,400
Eliminate Advisory Committees		30,000
Suspend Downtown Beautification		40,000
Freeze General Fund Vacancies		230,000
Retain One-time Sales and B+O tax in General Fund		275,000
Retain funds for:		
vehicle replacement	up to	1,183,813
computer replacement	up	to 304,698
vehicle maintenance	up	to 326,225
Reduce 2025 COLA	up t	o 840,000

The remaining budget deficit for 2025, after implementation of these budget strategies, is estimated to be between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000. Additional measures will need to be undertaken to close this gap. Some options include canceling City funded events (summer festivals/concerts), eliminating City Currents/Channel 21, staff layoffs/furloughs, further increasing participation fees in City programs or eliminating programs.

It should be noted that funds for vehicle replacement, computer replacement, etc. are not likely to be 100% retained as capital needs are expected.

Likewise, Cost of Living Adjustments are subject to negotiations with bargaining units. The Police Support Guild will be receiving a 3% COLA in 2025. As the budget process moves forward, baseline COLA levels will be determined for represented and non-represented staff positions.

2024 Fund Balance

ARPA

ARPA funds are required to be obligated by the end of 2024. ARPA funds that are not likely to be obligated are listed below along with other ARPA funds that are available to be redirected. The proposed uses for these funds can help support the General Fund.

Available ARPA		
Tenant Restroom	\$	400,000
ADA Compliance Program (replaced by Redondo Speed Enforcement revenue)		88,936
Traffic Calming (replaced by Redondo Speed Enforcement revenue)		80,273
Nonprofit		25,404
Marina Redevelopment Materials		20,000
	Ś	614.613

Proposed Repurposing of ARPA		
Field House Play Equipment Overruns	\$	5,000
2024 SCORE Costs		265,656
2024 LT-Crime Analyst/Mental Health Support		143,957
Police Department Overtime		200,000
	Ś	614.613

Attachment #2

				2025-	2031 GENERA	L FUND							
	SED ANNUAL BUDGET	_	PROJECTED ACTUALS		BUD	GET					FORECAST		
	2024		2024		2025	2026			2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 5,210,847	\$	4,671,467	\$	3,879,031	\$ (710,89	0)	ş	\$ (5,044,813) \$	(9,353,840) \$	(13,380,941)	\$ (17,386,238)	\$ (21,393,155)
Operating Revenues													
Taxes	18,623,676		17,890,602		19,026,759	19,288,77	6		19,735,814	20,214,805	20,831,414	21,481,822	22,168,323
Licenses and Permits	315,000		315,000		325,500	341,50	0		346,250	356,250	356,250	361,250	361,250
Intergovernmental	1,043,304		1,037,472		859,397	837,20	1		1,005,500	1,041,463	1,079,223	1,118,872	1,160,503
Fees/Charges/Fines	2,390,594		1,857,850		1,826,350	1,861,99	0		1,825,300	1,825,300	1,775,300	1,775,300	1,775,300
Other	2,131,561		2,046,411		2,284,558	2,356,62			2,363,197	2,415,992	2,474,342	2,528,259	2,557,755
	24,504,135		23,147,335	_	24,322,564	24,686,09	0	_	25,276,061	25,853,810	26,516,529	27,265,503	28,023,131
Operating Expenditures													
Policy and Support Services	6,962,913		6,709,697		7,754,909	7,815,40	2		8,256,643	8,105,416	8,265,701	8,751,644	8,627,281
Public Safety Services	14,929,580		14,627,620		16,184,314	16,073,30			16,296,418	16,651,265	17,020,181	17,189,142	17,559,964
Community Services	5,068,843		4,331,471		4,626,530	4,649,26			4,605,627	4,697,830	4,809,544	4,905,233	5,022,565
Other	277,600		226,600		346,732	482,04			426,400	426,400	426,400	426,400	426,400
Citici	 27,238,936		25,895,388		28,912,485	29,020,01		_	29,585,088	29,880,911	30,521,826	31,272,420	31,636,210
** Net Activity ("Operating revenues over (under)	(2,734,801)	_	(2,748,053)	_	(4,589,921)	(4,333,92		_	(4,309,027)	(4,027,101)	(4,005,297)	(4,006,916)	(3,613,079)
ONE-TIME ACTIVITIES													
Revenues													
Sound Transit			212,944		154,868	19,35	9		_	_	_	_	_
American Rescue Plan Funding	1,850,617		1,850,617						_	_	-	_	_
One-Time Sales & B&O Tax Revenues	265,000		105,000						_	_	-	_	_
Total One-Time Revenues	 2,115,617		2,168,561		154,868	19,35	9		_	_	_	-	-
One-time Expenditures	 						_						
Transfer Out - One-Time Sales & B&O Tax	_		_						_	_	-	_	_
ARPA Expenditures			_						_	_	-	_	_
Sound Transit related expenditures			(212,944)		(154,868)	(19,35	9)		_	_	-	_	_
Total One-Time Expenditures	-		(212,944)		(154,868)	(19,35	_	_	-	-	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	(619,184)		(792,436)		(4,589,921)	(4,333,92	4)		(4,309,027)	(4,027,101)	(4,005,297)	(4,006,916)	(3,613,079)
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,591,663	\$	3,879,031	\$	(710,890)	\$ (5,044,81	3)	5	\$ (9,353,840) \$	(13,380,941) \$	(17,386,238)	\$ (21,393,155)	\$ (25,006,234)
GFOA Target of 60 days (approx. 16.67%)	4,540,731		4,316,761		4,819,711	4,837,63	6		4,931,834	4,981,148	5,087,988	5,213,112	5,273,756
Reserve (shortfall) surplus to GFOA Target	50,933		(437,730)	_	(5,530,601)	(9,882,45	_	_	(14,285,674)	(18,362,089)	(22,474,227)	(26,606,267)	(30,279,990)
Ending Reserve - % Total Operating Expenditures	16.86%		14.98%		-2.46%	-17.3	8%		-31.62%	-44.78%	-56.96%	-68.41%	-79.04%

2025/2026 Budget Presentation

City of Des Moines, Washington

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01 Economic Environment

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Inflation Calculator:

What cost \$1 in June of 2020 costs \$1.22 in June 2024

<u>Seattle</u>

City Council gets its 'audit' showing inflation, wages at center of Seattle's ballooning budget

Posted on Thursday, May 2, 2024 - 9:00 am by jseattle

A review of the city's spending plan by the **City Council** reveals **Seattle City Hall** is facing the same pressures as the rest of the nation when it comes to ballooning costs. A new study reveals nearly 80% of Seattle's \$1.7 billion budget increase is due to inflation and soaring wages. New programs accounted for only 19% of the jump with the remaining two percent of spending being powered by one-time revenue injections like federal aid during the padnemic.

The review comes as Seattle faces a looming \$230+ million budget hole.





Last fall, King County Executive Dow Constantine issued dire warnings about the county's budget situation: Without help from the Legislature, it would be forced to shutter all or almost all of its 10 public health clinics.

The county's general fund is fueled almost entirely by property taxes, and Olympia strictly limits how much counties can collect in those taxes. With inflation running hot the last several years, Constantine said, the county's expenses were outpacing the money it was able to bring in.

Edmonds

Edmonds mayor makes first pitch of plan to fill \$20.5M budget deficit

The city used \$12.5 million in one-time funds and \$8 million from reserves to balance its 2024 budget — with a deficit looming.

"Inflation spiked city costs by 21.7% over the past three years, but state law only allows cities to increase taxes by a maximum of 1% annually."

- HeraldNet

"That's pretty much a recipe for a slow death if your costs are going up by that kind of pace and you can't increase your revenue by anywhere near that"

- Edmonds Mayor Mike Rosen

Ballot Measures

PASSED

City of Covington – Sales and Use Tax for Transportation - .2% increase

City of Snoqualmie – Sales and Use Tax for Public Safety - .1% increase

City of Maple Valley – Public Safety Property Tax Levy Lid Lift - \$.45 increase (November 2023)

City of Buckley – EMS Services Property Tax Levy Lid Lift - \$.20 increase

City of Gig Harbor – Public Safety Sales Tax - .1% increase

FAILED

City of Des Moines – Public Safety Property Tax Levey Lid Lift - \$.50 increase

City of Everett – Public Safety Property Tax Levy Lid Lift - \$.67 increase

City of Gig Harbor – Public Safety Property Tax Levy Lid Lift - \$.40 increase (April 2024)

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02 Financial Forecast

Forecast Assumptions

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2025 General Fund Forecast

Revenue = \$24,477,432 Expenditures = \$29,067,353

Budget Deficit = \$4,589,921

2026 General Fund Forecast

Revenue = \$24,705,449 Expenditures = \$29,039,373

Budget Deficit = \$4,333,924

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2024 LT-Crime Analyst/Mental Health Support	143,957
Police Department Overtime	200,000
	\$ 614,613

2025/2026 Revenue

- Business licenses \$112,000
- Public records request fee increase \$20,000
- Utility tax on non-franchise prohibited utilities \$88,500

- Terminate Wesley Senior Services contract/Reorganize
 Recreation/Senior Services/Events and Facility Rentals \$150,000
- Close Redondo substation \$36,400
- Eliminate Human Services spending \$250,000
- Eliminate advisory committees \$30,000

- End Burien Cares contract- \$100,000
- End watering downtown flower baskets- \$40,000
- Freeze General Fund vacancies \$230,000
- Retain One-Time Sales and B+O Tax \$275,000
- Reduce Cost of Living Adjustment

- Eliminate City Currents \$60,000 annually plus \$20,000 postage
- Eliminate Channel 21 **\$50,000**
- Reduce training and travel budget \$60,000

Retain Funds for:

- Vehicle replacement savings of about \$650,000
- Computer replacement up to \$304,698
- Vehicle maintenance up to \$326,225
- Close SJU Park parking and bathroom \$40,000

Cancel city funded events

Waterland Weekend
July 4th
Summer Concerts and Park Events

- Increase participation fees in City programs or eliminate programs
- Staff layoffs/furloughs

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2024 City Manager Selection



CITY MANAGER PROCESS RECAP

- Secured an executive search firm to conduct the City Manager recruitment.
- Updated the City Manager Job Description.
- Adopted a new salary methodology and range for the 2024 City Manager Pay Schedule.
- Participated in "Listening Sessions" with the consultant.
- Provided input that later became the City Manager Recruitment Brochure.
 - The job posting went live on May 30, 2024 and closed on June 30, 2024.
 - (29) applicants applied.
- Selected (13) semi-finalist to respond to (20) written supplemental questions and (4) online self interview questions.
- (11) candidates provided the requested supplemental materials.
- (4) candidates were moved forward to the onsite interview phase.



CITY MANAGER PROCESS RECAP

- (4) Finalists:
 - Katherine Caffrey
 - Michael Eklund-Grayum
 - Daniel Eernissee
 - Shannon Kelly-Fong
- (2)-day onsite interview process:
 - City Tour
 - (3) panel interviews –Sr. Leadership, Community and City Council
 - (3) Meet and Greets- Staff, Citizens Advisory Committee and Des Moines Community
- Additional Evaluation Elements:
 - Comment Cards
 - DiSC Assessments
 - References
 - Background Checks



CITY COUNCIL CITY MANAGER SELECTION

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON CANDIDATE SELECTION



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION



Speaker Sign-Up Sheet
Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the study
Session Agenda Please sign in prior to the meeting and limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

September 05, 2024

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Diane

Please print My comments Diane - henrykerr41@gmail.com - Gmail

My name is Diane Tucker and I am a resident of DM. I am currently a United Airlines Flight Attendant elected as the Benefits Chairperson for our Union AFA-CWA representing 30,000 Members. In that capacity I oversee a \$275,000.budget yearly. I know about budgeting —as do most Voters in DM.

Having reviewed the DM projected deficits for the next 5 years, it is time for REALISTIC decisions to take place. It is vital —both the DM city staff and Council begin to prioriitize the needs of the citizens of DM —versus advancing projects such as the 'Stairs to nowhere' and a ferry that few citizens in DM ever use.

We support our first responders and we will continue to do so...

Public safety, roads, parks and recreation —these are the issues we want addressed.

We also want the city and the Council to develop long term goals to promote business growth by offering short term tax incentives to small businesses.

BUT at the same time, cuts must be made to non-essential projects and staff positions. Additionally, "across the board cuts" must be made to each city department and they should remain in place until the deficit is under control.

Absence this type of strategy, consolidation or outsourcing of services will need to be seriously considered—possibly with or to our neighbors in Burien, SEA-TAC, and Normandy Park....

Frivolous projects such as the "stairs to nowhere" and passenger ferry, and hiring consultants for very project—those resources should be immediately reallocated to public safety.

There are approximately 12,500 households in DM —many are middle and lower income and city and Council have left us with no choice...Voters in DM must take action to defeat the 57% levy lift tax burden.

We are here to state emphatically —the Citizens Against the Lift Levy will continue our mission: we will make it clear to voters—"there is no plan, no strategy and wasteful spending continues".

"AND supporting the 57% increase to our property taxes would only encourage those in leadership positions to continue their wasteful spending practices—we cannot and will not stand by and allow that to happen".

Thank you for your time.