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>> GOOD EVENING EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 16 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

WILL OUR CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL OF COUNSEL?

[TAKING ATTENDANCE]

>> WE HAVE A QUORUM.

>> WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SONG.

DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA.

I WILL OBSERVE THAT FOR THE PUBLIC THAT D.C. FOUR HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA THE INITIAL REQUEST OF SPONSORS IN THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL TO COME.

I WILL ALSO OBSERVE C1 IS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA COUNCILMEMBER SONG?

>> [VOICE LOW]

>> WE WILL ROLL WITH THAT, UNTIL WE HIT THE CONSENT AGENDA.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF AGENDA?

ALL IN FAVOR?

OPPOSE?

AGENDA IS APPROVED.

YOU HAVE COMMUNICATIONS TODAY FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR?

>> I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR CITY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE IN FULL FORCE RESPOND TO THE DAMAGE FROM STORMS.

A FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED MORE PHONE CALLS THAT ONE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY NIGHT THAN THEY NORMALLY DO IN TWO WEEKS.

WE HAD FULL MOBILIZATION FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT ROUTE DIRECTING TRAFFIC AND PUTTING OUT SIGNS AND OF COURSE ARE FORRESTER UNIT WAS CLEARING TREES ALL OVER THE CITY.

THE SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO OUR CITY STAFF WHO HELPED SET UP THE RELIEF CENTER THAT WAS ACTIVE AT PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL UNTIL TODAY.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE CITY STAFF AND ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU DID THIS WEEK TO GET THE CITY BACK UP ON ITS FEET.

>> WE HAVE NO INTRODUCTIONS TODAY AND COME TO PUBLIC COMMENT RESERVE TIME WHICH IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO COUNSEL AND COMMUNITY ABOUT MATTERS OF MINUNCIPLE INTEREST.

TO SPEAK IN RESERVE TIME ONE NEEDS TO SIGN UP IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING YOUR CITY CLERK.

TO SPEAK AT PUBLIC RESERVE TIME CALLED THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN 877-853-5247.

ONCE YOU ARE CONNECTED ENTER THE MEETING ID 942 1273 2148.

OUR CLERK WILL IDENTIFY YOU WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK WITH THE LAST THREE DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER.

WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK TO YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK.

WHEN YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED PLEASE INCLUDE REMARKS AND SEED THE FLOOR.

OUR FIRST SPEAKER TODAY IS STEVEN HALL.

>> CALLAR WITH A PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 949?

>> HELLO, CITY COUNCIL CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> YES WE CAN.

>> TERRIFIC, HELLO EVERYONE.

MY NAME IS STEVEN HALL MY WIFE AND I OWN SPENCER RESTAURANT ON LIBERTY STREET.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND I WILL TRY TO BE BRIEF.

YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM YOU EARLIER THIS WEEK AND KNOW WHY I AM CALLING.

MY CONCERN TONIGHT IS THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE DOWNTOWN STREET CLOSURE SCHEDULE.

I AM REQUESTING WE CONTINUE IN ITS CURRENT VERSION OF THURSDAY-SUNDAY AS OPPOSED TO FRIDAY.

I THINK A CHANGE TO SHORTEN THE HOURS WOULD BE A HUGE DISRUPTION FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES OVERALL DECREASING REVENUES.

IT WOULD CONFUSE A LOT OF CUSTOMERS AND LOCALS WHO ARE ACCUSTOMED TO THE CURRENT SCHEDULE.

WE'VE HAD IT FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, I THINK IT WOULD REALLY LIMIT THE WORKING HOURS OF MANY DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEES.

ALL OF THEM COULD REALLY USE THE SUPPORT THESE DAYS.

WITH CASES RISING IN THE END OF THE SEASON TWO MONTHS AWAY I THINK THE IMPORTANCE FOR OUTDOOR DINING SEEMS VERY OBVIOUS.

STUDENTS, PARENTS, FOOTBALL CROWDS I THINK DISCOURAGING PEOPLE TO MINGLE INDOORS IS PROBABLY SMART.

WE ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT THE SOCIAL DISTRICT PROGRAM.

TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE I THINK EVEN MORE DEFIES COMMON SENSE.

WHY WOULD THE TWO DOWNTOWN SOCIAL DISTANCING PROGRAMS HAVE DIFFERENT SCHEDULES?

I WOULD ALSO ASK THE COUNCIL WHAT ARE THE BIG PROBLEMS THE SCHEDULE CHANGE WOULD BE SOLVING?

ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO EVERYBODY IS USED TO IT.

I DON'T KNOW WHY THE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED?

I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HARRY COHEN.

>> I DON'T SEE MR. COHEN ON THE LINE.

IF HE IS I NEED HIM TO RAISE HIS HAND.

>> MR. COHEN, IF YOU ARE ON THE LINE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ELECTRONICALLY BY PRESSING *9.

>> IS THIS MR. COHEN?

>> YES.

THANK YOU AGAIN, I COULD NOT SAY IT ANY BETTER THAN THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER.

MY WIFE AND I ARE THE OWNER OF THE BLACK PEARL.

WE OPENED IT IN 08.

WE LOVE WHAT YOU GUYS DID.

IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCE WORKING TOGETHER.

THE STREET CLOSURES ARE SO WONDERFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESSES, SPECIFICALLY RESTAURANT BUSINESSES.

IT'S SUCH A GREAT THING THAT YOU DID AND TO UNDO IT DOES NOT SEEM WISE.

IT'S ONLY GOOD FOR THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT I SEE WHICH IS COMMUNITY MEMBERS, RESTAURANT PARTICIPANTS, PATRONS AND EMPLOYEES AND THE LIKE.

IT IS WONDERFUL FOR EVERYBODY.

I AM NOT SURE WHO AND WHY SOMEONE IS SUGGESTING IT BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY.

PLEASE KEEP IT OPEN.

IT'S WONDERFUL.

PEOPLE CAME SATURDAY NIGHT TO DINNER FROM BIRMINGHAM TO A RESTAURANT AND LOOKED AROUND AND SAID WOW, ANN ARBOR REALLY HAS SOME GREAT POLICIES.

HOW DID YOU GET THIS DONE.

IN BIRMINGHAM THEY DID NOT DO THIS.

THEY REALLY APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT YOU HAD THE STREETS CLOSED FOR ALL OF THE GOOD VIBES THAT IT CREATES.

I CAN'T SAY IT ANY BETTER THAN THE PREVIOUS CALLER.

I WANT TO REITERATE, THANK YOU FOR DOING IT.

PLEASE KEEP THE STREETS OPEN FOR THURSDAY EVENING.

IT DOES WONDERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU AGAIN.

I WILL STOP TALKING.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TOM MURRAY.

>> MR. MURRAY, PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 390?

>> GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH MAYOR COUNCIL.

AS THE PREVIOUS COLORS - MY NAME IS TOM MURRAY I OWN BEAUDRY ON MAIN STREET AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF MAIN STREET AREA ASSOCIATION.

WE APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THE CITY AND STAFF AND COUNSEL HAVE DONE OVER THE LAST YEAR AND HALF TO HELP US SURVIVE.

THAT IS TRULY WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUPPORT KEEPING THE STREETS CLOSED ON THURSDAY EVENINGS TOO.

I THINK WE HAVE CREATED A GOOD THING AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT.

IT'S BEEN CRITICAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF NOT ONLY RESTAURANTS, BUT I BELIEVE SHOPS DOWNTOWN ALSO BECAUSE THE ADDITIONAL FOOT TRAFFIC HELPS A LOT OF RETAILERS.

SECONDLY, I WOULD ASK IS THE RESOLUTION PUT FORWARD TONIGHT SUGGEST CLOSING -OPENING UP MAIN STREET FOR FOOTBALL SATURDAYS?

I KNOW WE REQUESTED THE CLOSURE ON FOOTBALL SATURDAYS.

RIGHT AWAY THAT WAS TAKEN BY MANY IS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC ISSUES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE ISSUES.

I WOULD ASK POTENTIALLY THAT WE LOOK AT POSSIBLY HIGHLIGHTING SOMETHING TO LOOK AT KEEPING IN STREET CLOTHES ON FOOTBALL SATURDAYS.

WE COULD POTENTIALLY USE OTHER STREETS TO EXPEDITE THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, MAIN STREET IS LIKE A PARKING LOT ON FOOTBALL SATURDAYS.

I DON'T THINK MANY EMERGENCY VEHICLES EVEN USE MAIN STREET WHEN NECESSARY.

THEY USE SIDESTREETS.

I WOULD ASK THAT THAT BE CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBILITY AT SOME POINT.

SECOND RESOLUTION I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU TONIGHT ABOUT WAS THE SOCIAL DISTRICTS.

ON THE MAIN STREET BOARD WITH A LOT OF HOMEWORK ON THIS AND WE HAVE CONTACTED MANY DIFFERENT TOWNS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE SOCIAL DISTRICTS WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE STATE ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

TO HELP US GET THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC.

ALL OF THE RESPONSES WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM TOWNS LIKE LANSING AND GRAND RAPIDS, ROYAL OAK, IT'S BEEN A POSITIVE THING.

THERE HAS BEEN NO ISSUES.

WE THINK WITH A GOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE, WHICH WE HAVE FROM THE MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, IT WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM.

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THAT.

IT'S A GOOD THING FOR DOWNTOWN.

WE LOOK FORWARD -THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TONIGHT.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHARLES REAM.

>> MR. REAM?

PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 811, PRESS *9 TO UNMUTE YOURSELF.

>> THIS IS CHARLES REAM, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> WE CAN.

>> THANK YOU, I WOULD LIKE YOU FOLKS TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER TO BE PLANT AND FUNGI AWARENESS MONTH IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS UNANIMOUS DECLARATION LAST YEAR AND THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION.

LET ME DIGRESS FOR A MOMENT.

I NOTICED THE ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN DOING SOME CRITICISM AND SELF CRITICISM AND EVALUATION.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO GIVE MY THANKS AND PRAISE TO THE ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL FOR THE WORK OVER THE LAST DECADES.

AND TO THE CITIZENS AS WELL.

THEY PASSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND THE CITY COUNCIL ITSELF GOT THE FIVE DOLLARS FINE.

THE FIRST ADVANCE CANVAS POLICY IN THE WORLD IN THE EARLY 70S. NOW IT'S TIME TO CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT LEADERSHIP AND VOTE YES FOR ALL THE REASONS THAT WERE MENTIONED LAST YEAR WHEN THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

WE WANT FREEDOM AND THAT IS OF VALUE FOR US.

THERAPY IS IMPORTANT FOR DEPRESSION, PTSD AND FOR SUICIDAL IDEATION.

SPIRITUAL VALUES ARE IMPORTANT.

THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING NEW FOR SO LONG FOR THERAPY.

PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY DESPERATE.

WE ARE NOT CAPABLE OF TREATING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS WITH TOOLS LIKE WE HAVE FOR PHYSICAL PROBLEMS.

WE WANT IT KNOWN AND WE WANT ANN ARBOR TO HELP IT BE KNOWN THAT THERE ARE TOOLS THAT WILL WORK FOR SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND THAT WE DO ADVOCATE FOR FREEDOM IN THE USAGE OF THINGS THAT ARE ESSENTIALLY SAFE.

THERE ARE PEOPLE FACING DIFFICULT PROBLEMS NOW AND WE CAN HELP LEAD THE WAY.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT ANN ARBOR IS NOT AFRAID TO LEAD AND I WOULD LIKE YOU FOLKS TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER THE EUGENIC PLANT AND FUNGI AWARENESS MONTH.

IT CAN BE PUT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA IS NOT CONTROVERSIAL.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SHANNON ELKA -*CUSTOM* I DO NOT SEE THIS CALLER ON THE LINE.

IF THEY ARE CALLING ON DIFFERENT PHONE NUMBER THEY NEED TO RAISE HER HAND.

>> IF YOU ARE CALLING PRESS *9 TO INDICATE YOU WISH TO SPEAK.

I SEE ONE HAND RAISED, CAN I ASSUME THAT'S THE COLOR KNOWN TO YOU?

>> YES.

>> WE DON'T SEE AN ADDITIONAL HAND RAISED WE WILL CYCLE BACK AT THE END OF PUBLIC COMMENT AS TIME ALLOWS.

THE NEXT SPEAKER IS JULIE BARON.

>> HI, THIS IS TRULY BARREN I WILL THINK CHUCK REAM FOR HIS COMMENTS ABOUT MAKING SEPTEMBER FUNGI AWARENESS MONTH HERE IN ANN ARBOR.

I WILL SPEAK ABOUT THAT ALSO.

I'D LIKE TO THINK JEFF HANER FOR INTRODUCING THIS TODAY.

THANK YOU, JEFF.

WE ARE ABOUT TO CELEBRATE OUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESOLUTION LAST SEPTEMBER 21 IN ANN ARBOR TO DECRIMINALIZE FUNGI.

THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL FOR US.

THIS WAS SUCH A WIN AND CREATED A RIPPLE EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND STATE AS WELL.

PEOPLE THAT FOLLOW IN HER FOOTSTEPS HERE, WERE NOT LONG TO FOLLOW.

EVEN WASHINGTON D.C. DECRIMINALIZED PLANTS AND FUNGI.

NOW WITHIN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WE HAVE GRAND RAPIDS THAT IS SOON POTENTIALLY IN SEPTEMBER WILL VOTE YES ON DECRIMINALIZATION.

THERE WILL BE A VALID VOTE IN DETROIT IN NOVEMBER ALSO ABOUT THE CRIMINALIZATION.

WE ARE REALLY GEARING UP FOR SEPTEMBER TO BE A FANTASTIC MONTH.

WE ARE VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS AS FAR AS RESEARCH AND THERAPY IN MEDICINE.

I WON'T REPEAT THE AMAZING THINGS CHUCK SAID BECAUSE HE SAYS THEM BETTER THAN I. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FOCUS.

ANN ARBOR TOOK THE LEAD HERE AND MADE AN IMPACT.

I WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT.

DOING SOME TYPE OF - WE ARE NOT DOING ANY HUGE CHANGES HERE BUT A COMMEMORATIVE

THING IN A WAY -JUST HONORING THESE PLANTS AND MEDICINES AND BRINGING AWARENESS TO THEM TO HELP FUTURE GROWTH IN THIS AREA.

WE WOULD LOVE YOU GUYS TO CONSIDER PASSING THIS RESOLUTION.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JEFF CROCKETT.

>> MR. CROCKETT, GO AHEAD.

>> HELLO.

I'M JEFF CROCKETT I'M A FIRST BORN RESIDENT.

I UNDERSTAND D.C. FOUR IS IN FULL BUT I HAVE SOME COMMENTS ABOUT IT.

IT'S ABOUT THE ACTIVATION OF THE LIBRARY LINK SURFACE BEAUDRY I'M PLEASED TO REPORT SOME COMMENTS OF ALREADY BEEN ACTIVATED IN A GROUP OF 27 CALLED THE GREEN TEAM HAVE BEEN BUSY SINCE MARK PLANNING FOR PLANTING AND MAINTAINING THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IN AN AREA JUST NORTH OF THE ELEVATOR.

ANOTHER AREA EAST OF THE ELEVATOR.

THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR OF A MULTIYEAR PROJECT.

WE HAVE ALSO PITCHED IN TO HELP PUBLIC PARKING WITH MEETING AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PARKING LOT.

PLEASE STOP BY AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE VARIETY OF WILDFLOWERS AND SOME FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES.

EARLIER TODAY, I SENT YOUR PRESENTATION THAT CHRONICLES THE STORIES OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN.

TO DATE, OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE DONATED OVER 360 HOURS.

VOLUNTEERS ARE PRIMARILY ANN ARBOR RESIDENTS BUT SOME LIVE IN NORTH CAROLINA, VERMONT AND FLORIDA.

GARDEN REPRESENTS A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP AMONG ANN ARBOR RESIDENTS, CITY AGENCIES AND LOCAL BUSINESSES.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THESE CONTRIBUTORS THEY INCLUDE MORE THOMPSON, ALLIE.

[NAME], SCOTT SPOONER, ROBERT BLACK, LINDA WANT AND JEFFREY HENNEY, [LISTING NAMES]

ONGOING MAINTENANCE INCLUDES THE HELP OF EILEEN TYLER.

[LISTING NAMES] WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE OUR WORK WITH THE COUNCIL AND GREATLY APPRECIATE THEIR ROLE IN MOVING THE COMMENTS FORWARD.

AT A TIME OF GREAT DIVISIVENESS AND LOCAL POLITICS, PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US ALL TO HEAL.

WE ARE CURRENTLY OFFERING TOURS OF THE GARDEN AND ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE TOURS FOR FOLKS ALREADY.

I'M PLEASED TO TAKE EACH OF YOU ON A TOUR.

WHEN D.C. FOUR COMES UP AGAIN PLEASE VOTE FOR IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADAM'S ZINC.

>> I DON'T SEE MR. ZINK ON THE LINE.

IF HE IS HE NEEDS TO RAISE HIS HAND.

>> I SEE A NUMBER IDENTIFIED, IS THAT NUMBER KNOWN TO YOU?

>> THE PERSON RAISING THEIR HAND APPEARS TO BE CALLER NUMBER FIVE THAT WE DID NOT HAVE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

I WILL CYCLE BACK WITH THEM.

RIGHT NOW, ADAM IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE ENTER *9 NOW.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER WE WILL CYCLE BACK TO SHEN.

[NAME].

>> CALLAR 864 PRESS *9 TO UNMUTE YOURSELF AND MAKE A COMMENT.

DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

SHEN.

[NAME] NEED TO PRESS *9 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I APOLOGIZE.

I'M CALLING IN TO PLEDGE MY SUPPORT FOR DECLARING SEPTEMBER FUNGI AWARENESS MONTH IN ANN ARBOR.

I SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION LAST YEAR WHEN EVERYTHING WAS PASSED.

I WAS AFFECTED GREATLY IN A POSITIVE WAY OF USING PLANT MEDICINE.

I DID SUFFER FROM SEVERE POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION AND SUICIDAL IDEATION.

BEING ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THESE PLANTS AND EDUCATION ABOUT THIS PLANT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR MORE THAN JUST ME AND OTHER PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM PTSD AND OTHER DEPRESSION DISORDERS.

I'M CALLING AND ASKING YOU GUYS TO HELP THE RESOLUTION AND GET THE WORD OUT TO MORE RESIDENTS IN THE CITY.

THIS CAN HELP SO MANY PEOPLE ON SO MANY LEVELS.

ON A PERSONAL AND EMOTIONAL LEVEL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JUNE.

[NAME]

>> CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I AM JEAN.

I KNOW D.C. FOUR HAS BEEN PULLED.

I WILL BE BRIEF.

I'M GOING TO ASK THE CITY COUNCIL NOT APPROVED D.C. FOUR IN ITS CURRENT FORM.

IT SEEMS LIKE THE RESOLUTION ASKED THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY STAFF TO ESSENTIALLY BECOME AN EVENT PLANNING OFFICE FOR THE CENTER OF THE CITY PARKING LOT AREA.

THAT DOES NOT FEEL LIKE A GREAT USE OF CITY RESOURCES.

IT WOULD REQUIRE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH EXISTING COMMUNITY GROUPS TO POTENTIALLY MOVE ALREADY SUCCESSFUL AND POPULAR EVENTS TO A NEW SITE.

IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF SLIPPAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORIGINAL CHARTER

WHICH STATES THAT THE CITY ON PUBLIC LAND BOUNDED BY FIFTH AVENUE AND WILLIAM DIVISION AND LIBERTY STREET SHALL BE RETAINED IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IN PERPETUITY AND DEVELOPED AS AN URBAN CENTRAL PARK AND CITY CENTER COMMENTS KNOWN AS CENTER OF THE CITY.

IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS SLIPPING INTO EVENT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING AS A ROLE.

I WANT TO BE PRETTY THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THAT.

A NUMBER OF THE POSSIBLE HOLIDAYS OR EVENTS THAT WERE LISTED ON THE SITE HAVE LONG HISTORIES AND OTHER LOCATIONS.

MANY OF THEM ACTUALLY ARE ACTIVATING DOWNTOWN STREETS TO PEOPLE AND HAVE BECOME VERY POPULAR IN RECENT YEARS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE ALREADY HAPPENING ON SITES THAT SEEM LIKE THEY ARE WELL SUITED TO THE EVENT.

I WANT TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT PROBLEM WE ARE SOLVING BY ASKING ORGANIZERS TO MOVE TO A NEW SITE JUST BECAUSE OF THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

I KNOW RECENTLY THE TASK FORCE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED \$40,000 FROM CITY COUNCIL.

I WONDER IF WE COULD USE THE MONEY THAT WAS ALLOCATED THE TASK FORCE FOR THE TASK FORCE TO PURSUE AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TASK FORCE TO DO SOME OF THE STUFF JEFF CROCKETT WAS TALKING ABOUT.

ENGAGING CURRENT AND POTENTIAL USERS OF THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

ALSO, THE LIBERTY PLAZA WHICH IS NEARBY.

HAVE THE COMMISSION THEMSELVES DO THAT WORK TO THINK ABOUT WHAT ARE THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT MIGHT MAKE LIBERTY PLAZA IN THE PARKING LOT MORE PLEASANT FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING THE CURRENT USERS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS AND BANISTER.

>> AND, GO AHEAD.

YOU CAN UNMUTE YOURSELF.

>> HELLO, AND BANISTER FORMER COUNCILMEMBER FROM BOARD ONE.

I'M CALLING ABOUT D.C. FOUR.

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN PULLED FROM THE AGENDA, I'M CALLING TO URGE YOU WHEN IT COMES BACK TO VOTE YES ON THE ACTIVATION OF THE LIBRARY LANE SURFACE PARKING LOT FOR REGULAR AND RECURRING USE.

CONTRARY TO THE PREVIOUS CALLER, THE LIST OF POSSIBLE EVENTS THAT COULD USE THE CITY ARE INVITED POTENTIAL EVENTS.

THEY ARE NOT BEING ASKED TO MOVE.

THEY ARE JUST BEING OPENED UP TO THE OPPORTUNITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO ADAM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMONS.

I LIKE TO THINK JEFF CROCKETT FOR ORGANIZING THE VERY SUCCESSFUL GREEN TEAM GARDENING COMMITTEE.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO ERICA BRIGGS, COUNCILMEMBER GRISWOLD AND COUNCILMEMBER JEFF HANER FOR NOT ONLY THIS RESOLUTION, BUT ALL THAT THEY ARE DOING TO RESPECT THE CITY CHARTER AND WILL OF THE PEOPLE IN NOVEMBER 2018 DURING THE BALLOT ELECTION VOTERS SAW THE WISDOM AND NECESSITY AND VAST COMMUNITY BENEFIT OF APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO ADD THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

SECTION 1.4 THE CENTER OF THE CITY CHARTER SPECIFICALLY SAYS THE LAW WILL BE RETAINED IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND DEVELOPED AS A CENTRAL PART IN CIVIC CENTER COMMENTS.

EVEN THOUGH MAYOR TAYLOR HAS SAID THIS PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO FAIL AND EXPEND A LOT OF PERSONAL ENERGY TO SLOW WALK THE INITIATIVES AND CREATE FALSE NARRATIVES, AND OBSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WHATNOT, THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE HAS MANAGED TO SURVIVE AND PREVAIL.

SOME OF THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS IS THAT IT HAD TO GET NOT ONE BUT TWO SETS OF 6000 PETITION SIGNATURES.

THANK YOU ALLEN FOR WORKING ON THAT.

WE ALSO HAD TO DEFEAT AN ILLEGAL CAPTION THAT HAD TO BE STRUCK DOWN BY THE MICHIGAN APPEALS COURT.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD THAT ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS AS WE WELCOME THOUSANDS OF NEW BEDROOMS DOWNTOWN, INCLUDING THE WISE LOT IT'S ALL THE MORE REASON WE NEED A VIBRANT CENTER OF THE CITY AND COMMONS AREA.

PLEASE VOTE YES WHEN THAT COMES BACK.

ALSO, PLEASE VOTE YES ON D.C. TWO THE RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER CLINTON FUNGI AWARENESS MONTH.

AS THE RESOLUTION STATES, CLINICAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN THE US, CANADA AND EUROPE HAVE SHOWN THAT PLANTS ARE TREATING A VARIETY OF MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESSES AND THE FDA -

>> TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ADAM ZEMPKE ARE YOU HERE?

>> WE DO NOT SEE HIS NUMBER ON THE LINE.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JIM PIKE.

>> HI.

THIS IS JIM PIKE AS WE ALL KNOW NOW CALLING FROM WORD FIVE IN ANN ARBOR.

SINCE D.C. FOUR WAS PULLED, YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO REWRITE IT.

HERE IS MY REWRITE OF THE RESOLVED CLAUSES FROM IT.

RESOLVED, CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS THIS RECOMMENDATION IN SPIRIT, BUT CANNOT COMMIT STAFF AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT MUST INSTEAD BE DEVELOPED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMONS MEMBERS THEMSELVES WHO SHALL COMMUNICATE THE REPORT THEY DEVELOP REGARDING THAT PLAN TO THE CITY COUNCIL BY NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AND RESULT.

IT'S INFEASIBLE FOR CITY STAFF TO ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM ONCE IT IS DEVELOPED.

THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMONS WILL THEREFORE NEED TO ESTABLISH OR PARTNER WITH AN EXTERNAL OR NONPROFIT ENTITY TO MANAGE THE PROGRAM THEY DEVELOP.

END OF REWRITE.

PERSONALLY, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD IF THE PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENTER OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMONS GROUP REALLY HAVE THE COURAGE OF THEIR CONVICTIONS REGARDING THIS STILL, NEARLY THREE YEARS LATER VAGUE IDEA OF WANTING TO DO THE HEAVY LIFTING ON THE FUNDRAISING AND PLANNING WORK RATHER THAN ASKING THE CITY TO SPEND MORE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON IT AND ASKING CITY STAFF TO DO THEIR PLANNING WORK FOR THEM.

THAT'S ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNSEL?

COUNCILMEMBER SONG?

>> I WANT TO GIVE FOLKS A QUICK UPDATE.

THE ISSUE ABOUT BEFORE-AND-AFTER CARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND OUTSTANDING NEEDS AND THE

SCHOOLS HAVE COME FORTH WITH THE RESOLUTION AND OFFERING IT THROUGH THEIR PROGRAMMING.

REGISTRATION OPENED UP TODAY.

FOLKS CAN ENCOURAGE THOSE LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE NEEDS THAT WOULD BE AT REGISTRATION SITES.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COUNCILMEMBER TRULY GRAND AND COUNCILMEMBER JEN IRON AND I HAVE BEEN SPEAKING EXTENSIVELY WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS STILL STRUGGLING WITH THIS ISSUE.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE LIBRARIES WERE OPENING EARLY OVER THE WEEKEND.

WESTGATE WAS REALLY CROWDED WITH FOLKS WITHOUT POWER.

IT WAS WILL SEE FOLKS AT THE LIBRARY.

THERE FOLKS LOOKING TO CHARGE THEIR HEARING AIDS AND GET SOME COFFEE AND GET OUT OF THE HEAT.

I ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO CHECK OUT THE APS BECAUSE SCHOOL STARTS IN TWO WEEKS IF THEY NEED TO MEET THAT NEED.

THANKS.

>> COUNCILMEMBER RAMLAWI?

>> I WANT TO CLARIFY A STATEMENT I MADE A COUPLE NIGHTS AGO A LATE AT NIGHT SUGGESTING WE NEED SOMETHING IN TERMS OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGER.

THAT WAS MISTAKENLY SAID.

I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT.

I WAS REFERRING TO MORE OF AN EXTERNAL CANDIDATE WHO COULD COME IN AND HELP ORGANIZE THE ORGANIZATION AND BEING ON ADMIN COMMITTEE I'VE BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS DURING SUCH PERIOD THAT'S ON TODAY'S AGENDA D.C. SEVEN OR AS WE PROPOSE TO LOOK AT AN EXTERNAL CANDIDATE TO COME IN AS AN ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

MY APOLOGIES FOR ALARMING SOME FOLKS LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

THIS IS MORE OF WHAT I MEANT.

I'M GLAD TO SEE IT ON TODAY'S AGENDA.

ASIDE FROM THAT, I ALSO WANT TO EXTEND THANKS TO PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE HELPED RESTORE POWER TO OUR RESIDENTS.

I NOTICE TRUCKS AS FAR AWAY AS FLORIDA IN TOWN YESTERDAY HELPING REPAIR POWER LINES AND DOWN INFRASTRUCTURE FROM THE STORM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

I THINK WE LEARNED A LOT.

THE FACT IS WE ARE NOT READY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHAT IT WILL BRING.

IN TERMS OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE NEED WE HAVE FOR RELIABLE, DEPENDABLE ELECTRICITY THAT IS ALSO CLEAN.

WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE MEDICAL NEEDS WHO ARE ALSO CANNOT AFFORD THE LUXURY OF CHECKING INTO A HOTEL OR LOSING EVERYTHING IN THEIR FRIDGE AND FREEZER.

THERE IS A HUGE EQUITY ISSUE WHEN WE LOSE POWER.

THE FOLKS MOST AFFECTED ARE THOSE WITH LEAST RESOURCES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH DT AND OTHERS ON THIS MATTER.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HAYNER.

>> I WILL BE BRIEF.

PATRICK McCAULEY IS A FORMER STREET NEIGHBOR WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE ANN ARBOR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS NOTION THAT ANN ARBOR'S BICENTENNIAL IS COMING UP.

HE HAS GOT A LETTER HE'S PREPARING AND WILL SHARE WITH COUNSEL AND THE MAYOR.

I JUST WANT TO THROW IT OUT THERE THAT THERE'S SOME CONSIDERATION THAT THAT SHOULD HAPPEN AROUND THAT MATTER.

I WANT TO ASK THE CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS.

THERE IS ALREADY A GROUP OF FOLKS THAT IN THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION AND HAVE STARTED TALKING ABOUT THIS AND WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE THE CHANGES HAPPENING IN OUR CITY SINCE THE 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

THAT'S SOMETHING I WILL BRING FORWARD.

HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET TOGETHER AND GET A LITTLE COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO WEAKEN DO TO HELP CELEBRATE THE CHANGES IN THE FUTURE AND PAST THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR NELSON.

>> I WOULD JUST LIKE TO RESTATE A LOT OF THE THINGS STATED EARLIER ABOUT HOW CITY STAFF

CAME TOGETHER MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY THIS WEEKEND.

MY KIDS AND I WERE AMONG FOLKS SUNDAY MORNING TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL IS A PLACE TO PARK AND GET A SNACK.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL THING.

TALKING TO DOCTOR STOLTZ IN OUR FIRE CHIEF THIS WAS PUT TOGETHER VERY QUICKLY.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY A DAY WHEN THEY HAD NOT LEVERAGED VOLUNTEERS WAS STAFF COMING THROUGH TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

I WANTED TO COMMENT ABOUT A LOVELY EVENT THAT HAPPENED IN WARD 4 YESTERDAY.

THE DEDICATION OF GRADING PARK AND LOWER BURNS PARK.

IT WAS A WELL ATTENDED EVENT.

VERY LOVELY.

I WAS ABLE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH A NUMBER OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS.

IT WAS A REALLY SPECIAL EVENT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER GRISWOLD?

>> I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS IN A COMMENT I MADE REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN A MEETING A FEW WEEKS AGO.

MY COMMENT WAS SPECIFIC TO DEVELOPER PROVIDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING POTENTIALLY FOR FAMILIES.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING MORE SPECIFIC AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

GIVEN THE INTEREST IN THIS TOPIC I'VE SPOKEN TO STAFF WILL ASK THAT THIS TOPIC BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT WORKING SESSION ON HOUSING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 2022.

SOCIAL MEDIA DOES NOT PROVIDE A GOOD PLATFORM FOR THIS COMPLEX TOPIC.

I WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET OUTDOORS WITH A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE TO EXPLORE THIS TOPIC IF THERE IS INTEREST PRIOR TO 2022.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE STAFF THAT CAME TOGETHER OVER THE WEEKEND AND ALSO THE BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDED FOOD AT PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL.

I WAS ABOUT POWER THREE TIMES AND I CAN TELL YOU I AM MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ALL OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STAFF AND LOCAL BUSINESSES.

THANK YOU.

>> I WILL BRIEFLY ECHO MY THANKS TO STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK OF THE WEEKEND AND IN PROVIDING THE RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY.

I WANT TO LET RESIDENTS KNOW I KNOW THERE'S STILL FOLKS WITHOUT POWER HERE IN TOWN AND UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS AUTOMATIC.

AFTER SOMETHING AS CATASTROPHIC AS THIS AFTER HUNDRED AND 20 HOURS OF RESIDENTS ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$25 CREDIT FOR ANY DAMAGE AND RELIABILITY CREDIT.

I'M CONFIDENT THAT'S NOT MUCH CONSOLATION IF YOU ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER.

YOU HAVE TO ACTUALLY APPLY FOR THAT CREDIT IN ORDER TO GET IT.

IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE WHERE THEY CAN GET THE REBATE FLYING THROUGH DTE SIMPLY BY SEARCHING DTE RELIABILITY CREDIT.

IT COMES UP QUICKLY.

I WANTED TO LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW AS OF YESTERDAY, THE NEW RELEASE ORDINANCE IS IN EFFECT.

I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED CALLS LAST WEEK OF INCIDENTS WHERE I THINK IN AN EFFORT TO GET IT OUT AHEAD OF THIS THERE ARE VIOLATIONS OF THE OLD ORDINANCE IN TRYING TO PRESSURE FOLKS.

I GOT A CALL FROM A RESIDENT WHOSE LEASE HAD NOT STARTED YET WHO WAS BEING PRESSURED TO SIGN FOR A NEW LEASE FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING.

CITY STAFF I KNOW IS WORKING AND HER ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WORKING WITH STAFF TO GET A COMPLAINT FORM UP ON THE WEBSITE SO WE CAN FOCUS ON BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF OUR ORDINANCE AS WELL.

LOOK FOR THAT SOON.

I'M CONFIDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ADVERTISE WHEN IT IS POSTED.

>> FOR LIAISON TO THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GEORGE TAYLOR WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK.

MR. TAYLOR WAS PRESIDENT AND VOLUNTEER OF THE COBBLESTONE FARM ASSOCIATION AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE GONE TO EVENTS AT COBBLESTONE MAY HAVE SEEN HIM THERE AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF THAT ASSOCIATION.

MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

I WANT TO RECOGNIZE HIS SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE WONDERFUL EVENT THEY PUT ON AT GRADING PARK YESTERDAY.

IT WAS AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO TAKE PART IN THAT.

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO CELEBRATE A LIFE IN SERVICE.

IT WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE HARD WORK OF PARK STAFF AND NEIGHBORS.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR THAT.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EVENING.

>> FURTHER COMMUNICATION FROM COUNSEL?

COUNCIL MEMBER SONG YOU PROVIDED A COMMUNICATION I'M AFRAID.

I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE THANKS THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO CITY STAFF.

I RAN INTO A NUMBER OF FOLKS AT PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL.

AND MANY OTHERS ARE NEGLECTING TO MENTION IT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY THAT STAFF HAS THERE.

I COULD NOT BE MORE DELIGHTED.

I KNOW RESIDENTS WHO WERE THERE WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND THANKS TO A APS.

WITHOUT THE SCHOOLS THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.

KING OF THE RECENT STORM SO MANY ANN ARBOR RESIDENTS HAVE LOST POWER.

FOR FAR TOO LONG.

IT'S A DEMONSTRATION THAT WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON NOW IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

I'M GLAD DTE WILL BE INVESTING \$20 MILLION IN INFRASTRUCTURE GRIDS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

IT'S NOT WHERE WE NEED TO GO.

WE NEED MORE AND WE NEED LOCAL INVESTMENT TOO.

HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF MILLAGE TO SUPPORT THE NEW CLIMATE ACTION EFFORTS.

THAT WILL BE UPCOMING SOMETIME IN 2022.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREAT THINGS.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MYSELF FOR NOT HAVING BEEN IN TOWN FOR THE HONORING OF BRADEN PARK.

THE SMALL COMMUNITY AND LARGER ONE AS WELL WAS EXEMPLIFIED BY DECENCY AND EXPERTISE.

CAN WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA?

>> NOW CAN I PULL THROUGH 17?

>> YES PLEASE.

FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>> CA THREE, CA FOUR.

>> I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK STAFF AND OTHERS INVOLVED ON THEIR WORK.

ON CA 18.

I THINK WE HEARD FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE VALUE THIS IS DEMONSTRATED IN OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE TRIED THIS.

I'M EXCITED ABOUT IT.

IF IT WERE NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA I WOULD ENTHUSIASTICALLY COSPONSOR IT.

I'M GRATEFUL IT'S COMING FORWARD FOR US.

THANK YOU.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CA 18 PULL FURTHER DISCUSSION.

>> NO NEED TO PULL IT BUT I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF REMI LONG, OR STAFF MEMBER WHO SUPPORTS THE GREENBELT PROGRAM FOR HIS EXEMPLARY WORK IN HELPING US LEVERAGE \$7.4 MILLION.

IN MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THAT PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

HE IS THE TREASURER AND PLEASURE TO WORK WITH.

I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY.

THANKS.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA?

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CA 17 AND 18?

THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CA 17, 18, THREE AND FOUR IS APPROVED.

WITH RESPECT TO CA ONE, CA NINE, CA 13, CA 14, CA 16, CA 17, POSITION TO EXTEND DOWNTOWN STREET CLOSURES FOR RETAIL USE MOVED.

>> I THINK WE HEARD FROM FOLKS WHO HAVE CALLED IN ASKING FOR RECONSIDERATION TO MOVING IT BACK TO THURSDAY INCLUDING THURSDAY.

THIS CAME UP IN DISCUSSIONS.

AND FOLLOW-UP CALLS WITH RESTAURANT OWNERS IT SOUNDS LIKE IT WOULD BE EASY TO KEEP WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS.

I AM EMAILING AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE STREET CLOSURE FROM FRIDAY TO THURSDAY.

>> IS THERE A SECOND?

HAS THAT BEEN SENT AROUND?

>> YES.

IT'S JUST CHANGING THE ONE RESOLVED CLAUSE.

>> IS THAT FIRMLY.

[NAME]?

>> I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT.

I DO HAVE ANOTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MAKE BUT I WILL WAIT.

>> THAT'S FRIENDLY TO THE BODY?

EXCELLENT.

>> I WOULD QUESTION WHETHER WEST WASHINGTON STREET SHOULD BE CLOSED FOR SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER AS IT IS NOW?

I BELIEVE IN EQUITY AND FAIRNESS IN THEIR OTHERS WHO ALSO HAVE ASKED FOR 7-8 CLOSURES BUT HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED THAT.

IN THE SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS I BELIEVE WEST WASHINGTON SHOULD BE TREATED JUST LIKE ALL OTHER STREETS AND THIS RESOLUTION AND BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY-SUNDAY AND NOT 24/7.

>> I WOULD GO THE OTHER WAY ON THAT.

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT, BUT ALSO I WOULD LOVE TO SEE US CONSIDER

EXPANDING AND EXTENDING THESE OPENINGS TO COMMERCIAL RESTAURANT AND PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY.

THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEK.

I KNOW THAT'S NOT WHAT'S ON THE TABLE TONIGHT BUT I JUST WANTED TO COMMUNICATE I AM ALL FOR EXPLORING THAT AS WELL AS MAIN STREET ON FOOTBALL SATURDAYS AND WHATEVER ELSE OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE TELLING US WOULD BE USEFUL IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE TELLING US THAT THEY ENJOY.

>> IN THE PRIOR AMENDMENT WAS FRIENDLY.

WE ARE IN GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE MAIN MOTION.

>> THERE ARE MORE THAN JUST RESTAURANTS THAT USE THESE INFRASTRUCTURES.

THERE ARE OTHER RESIDENTS, COMMERCE AND BUSINESSES WHO DEPEND AND RELY ON MOBILITY OF GETTING AROUND TOWN.

WHILE I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS AND COMMENTS AND EMAILS THAT WE GET REGARDING THAT PARTICULAR SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY, I BELIEVE NEEDS TO BE A HOLISTIC APPROACH WHEN IT COMES TO HOW WE CHOOSE TO SET POLICY AND HAVE ROADS CLOSED OR OPEN WHEN IT COMES TO OTHER PARTS OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY.

ONE OF THE BAD THINGS IS, WHEN YOU SEE STREETS COMPLETELY CLOSED 56 DEGREES AND RAIN AND PEOPLE CAN'T DRIVE AND PULL UP IN FRONT OF THE RESTAURANT OR PLACE OF BUSINESS TO GET SOMETHING.

ONE OF MY CONCERNS WAS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE STREETS AND CAN'T BE USED BY OTHERS AND ARE NOT BEING USED BY RESTAURANTS BECAUSE OF POOR WEATHER OR JUST NOT THE VOLUME THAT JUSTIFIES STREET CLOSURES.

WHILE WE HAVE ISSUES OF RESTAURANT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER EVERYTHING ELSE.

I'VE SEEN IT MANY TIMES STREETS I CLOSED IN BAD WEATHER AND NO OTHER TYPE OF ACTIVITY IS OCCURRING.

THAT'S A CONCERN OF MINE.

IT LOOKS BAD, SEEMS BAD AND IS BAD WHEN IT'S NOT BEING USED FOR ANY REASON AT THAT POINT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER NELSON?

>> I HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNCILMEMBER SONG, I APPRECIATE THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON THIS AND WHEN I AM LOOKING AT THE CLOSURES I AM SENSITIVE TO CONCERNS AND NEEDS ON THEM.

I'M GRATEFUL TO THE BUSINESS OWNERS THAT HAVE REACHED OUT TO US AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO MAKE IT BETTER OR SUPPORT FOR THIS.

AND GRATITUDE FOR US EXTENDING IT.

MY QUESTION IS, IN TERMS OF 24 HOURS PER DAY SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK WEST WASHINGTON WHERE THEIR STAKEHOLDERS AND BUSINESSES ON WEST WASHINGTON OFFERING INPUT ON THAT?

I'M CURIOUS TO UNDERSTAND WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS?

I FEEL GOOD ABOUT SUPPORTING IT AND DINED KNOW QUITE A LOT OF THE CONTROVERSY AROUND STREET CLOSURES LIKE THIS IS ABOUT THE NERVOUSNESS OF BUSINESSES NOT KNOWING WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE IN AGAIN OR A LOSS.

I WANT TO BE SENSITIVE TO THAT.

WE GOT A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK.

I AM LOOKING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF FEEDBACK WE HAVE GONE ON THIS PARTICULAR SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

>> CAN I SPEAK TO THAT?

>> YES.

>> THIS IS NOT A COMMITTEE IN REGISTRAR, IT'S AN AD HOC GROUP THAT CAME OUT LAST YEAR.

THESE ARE FOLKS THAT THE CITY CONVENES IN THE FOLKS THERE INCLUDE THE DDA, MYSELF, COUNCILMEMBER O'MALLEY -THOSE OF THE FOLKS AT THE TABLE.

THOSE ARE THE FOLKS WHO SHAPE THE CONVERSATION.

FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND THERE WAS A POLLING BEFORE.

IT'S EXTENDING WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND REPEATING THAT.

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO SPEAK TO THAT?

>> THAT STRIKES ME AS A GOOD ANSWER.

COUNSELOR GRISWOLD?

>> MY COMMENT IS SIMILAR, I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM WITH STAFF THAT WE ARE TAKING DIRECTION FROM THE DDA AND LOCAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS ON THESE CLOSINGS.

>> WE ARE TAKING INPUT FROM THEM, CORRECT.

>> THANK YOU.

THEY ARE THE DRIVERS MORE SO THAN ANY STAFF OR OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION OR PERSON THAT MAY BE VOCAL BUT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES IN THE AREA.

IS THAT TRUE?

>> I DON'T HOW TO QUANTIFY WHAT PERCENTAGE OR SPECIFIC GROUP IS PARTICIPATING.

IT'S A JOINT CONVERSATION THAT INVOLVES THE MERCHANTS, DDA AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS CERTAINLY HOLD A LOT OF WEIGHT WITH US IF THAT IS THE ANSWER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.

>> YES, THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILMEMBER RAMLAWI?

>> HE IS FROZEN.

>> THIS COMMENT WILL ALSO APPLY TO CA 18 -THIS AD HOC GROUP CREATING AND PUSHING FOR THIS IDEA WHICH I'M NOT OPPOSED TO, IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT NOT EVERYONE WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE DDA FOR THESE EMERGENT ASSOCIATIONS FEEL THEY ARE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED IN THIS CONVERSATION.

THE QUESTION COMES TO ME TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL HOW IS IT THESE BORDERS AND BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED?

WHY IS IT?

CAN THEY BE EXPANDED?

CAN IT STRETCH TO THE OTHER LIMITS?

THE DDA IS A SMALL PART -IT APPEARS SOME ASSOCIATIONS HAVE MORE WEIGHT THAN OTHERS.

THERE IS CONSIDERATION BY PARTICIPANTS THEY ARE BEING LEFT OUT.

I THINK IN FUTURE, WE NEED TO TAKE A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH TO STREET CLOSURES IN THE SUMMERTIME.

AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES, FREQUENCY OF BUSINESSES AND AVAILABILITY AND ACCESS.

I'M NOT SURE WE ARE DOING THIS IN A WAY THAT IS WHOLE AND EQUITABLE.

>> I HAVE HIM NOW.

>> COUNCILMEMBER RAMLAWI?

>> THANK YOU, APOLOGIES FOR MY OTHER DEVICE.

I HAD SENT AN AMENDMENT BEFORE I GOT KNOCKED OFF.

PERTAINING TO THE SEVEN DAY CLOSURE OF WEST WASHINGTON WHERE ALL OF THESE SHOULD BE TREATED EQUALLY.

>> I SENT IT AROUND.

>> IS THERE A SECOND?

>> SECONDED.

>> I'VE BEEN PART OF THESE CONVERSATIONS SINCE MAY 2020 WITH ALL THE ASSOCIATIONS - THE POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF.

MANY PEOPLE UP AND DOWN THE LINE.

MANY EMERGING BUSINESS OWNERS.

MANY HAVE ASKED FOR A SEVEN DAY AND WE HAD IT IN PARTS AND IT'S BEEN PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE SOME FEEL WE ARE PICKING AND CHOOSING WINNERS AND LOSERS.

HERE'S A CASE AGAIN WERE EXTENDING BEYOND THE DATE -IT MADE MORE SENSE WHEN THERE WAS CONSTRUCTION.

WE ARE EXTENDING IT NOW FROM THURSDAY-SUNDAY.

I FEEL AS FAIR AS FAIRNESS AND EQUITY GO THERE HASN'T BEEN A STRONG REASON WHY THIS SHOULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY.

>> WE CAN HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF CONVERSATION.

>> I WILL BE BRIEF, I WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS.

AS WE HEARD AT SOME POINT IN THIS CONVERSATION I DON'T THINK WE HEARD COMPLAINTS FROM ANY OF THE BUSINESSES IN WASHINGTON ABOUT BEING CLOSED FOR SEVEN DAYS.

IF WE WERE LOOKING AT EQUITY, MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR US TO BE CONSIDERING SOMETHING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MYERS WAS SUGGESTING.

LENGTHENING THE TIME THE STREETS ARE CLOSE TO HELP OUR DOWNTOWN CORE AND BUSINESSES.

I DON'T THINK THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS TO MOVE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND PENALIZE THOSE BUSINESSES ALONG WASHINGTON WE ARE NOT HEARING REQUESTS FROM THEM TO DO SO.

I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING IT.

>> I ALSO WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THIS.

I'VE BEEN REALLY IMPRESSED WITH HOW STAFF HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE DIFFERENT AREA

ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR VARYING NEEDS.

I THINK THAT ACTUALLY SPEAKS TO ATTENTION TO EQUITY AND UNDERSTANDING THAT EQUITY IS NOT TREATING EVERYONE THE SAME.

I HOPE WE WILL UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT EQUITY IS AND WHAT EQUAL MEANS. THAT THEY ARE NOT THE SAME.

I THINK OUR CITY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB STATE STREET AND THEY DID NOT WANT TO CLOSE DOWN THIRD STREET BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE REQUEST FROM THE AREA ASSOCIATION.

THEY REALLY CAN BE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR MEMBERS AND REFLECTIVE OF THE INTERESTS OF THOSE BUSINESSES.

[VOTING]

>> MOTION IS APPROVED.

CA THREE IS NEXT.

>> AS CASES RISE OF COVID OTHER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES THAT WILL BE TAKEN, FEARED BY MANY THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE BACK TO SOME VERY RESTRICTIVE RESTRICTIONS WHEN THE STUDENTS COME BACK ESPECIALLY IN BRINGING THINGS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD TO OUR COMMUNITY.

SOME THAT MAY NOT BE WELCOMED IN THE CASE OF COVID.

I QUESTION THE WISDOM OF HOLDING THE GREEN FAIR WEEKS FROM TODAY.

I DON'T THINK IT IS NECESSARY.

AND DISAPPOINTED ASIDE FROM THOSE HEALTH CONCERNS WE STILL CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE CENTER OF THE CITY AS A PLACE TO HOLD THIS TYPE OF EVENT.

THAT IS NOT WHY I'M NOT SUPPORTING IT, BUT BASED ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY CONCERNS I HAVE GOING FORWARD, I THINK IT WISE TO HOLD THIS IN SIX WEEKS TIME.

I WILL BE SUPPORTING IT BASED ON THE OUTLOOK FOR COVID.

THANK YOU.

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>> I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS AS WE SAW WITH THE CASE OF ANN ARBOR THE CITY IS ABLE TO FLEX IF NECESSARY, IF YOU BELIEVE AN EVENT IS NO LONGER SAFE TO THE PUBLIC.

IF AN OUTDOOR EVENT.

IT'S ALSO A CAUTION NOT TO DEMONIZE THE UNIVERSITY.

NOT ALWAYS THE CASE, BUT THIS YEAR WITH THE MANDATORY VACCINES FOR ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY I THINK IN THIS CASE WE SHOULD PROBABLY BE FOLLOWING THEIR EXAMPLE.

EVERY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT I SPEAK TO, IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO BE VACCINATED THE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AS SOON AS THEY GET OFF THE PLANE.

STAND IT WAS ONCE THE EPICENTER.

IN MOST CONCERNED ABOUT STUDENTS, NOT SURE THEY HAVE A HUGE PRESENCE AT THE GREEN FAIR.

I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS AND I KNOW WE ARE ALWAYS IN CONTACT WITH EVENTS AND THANK YOU FOR THE CONTINUED GUIDANCE.

>> I APPRECIATE WILL HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS.

THIS PARTICULAR EVENT IS LESS CONCERNING TO ME THAN TASTE OF ANN ARBOR WAS.

TASTING EATING IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS WITHOUT MASKS ON.

MY PROFESSION HAPPENS TO BE FACE-TO-FACE KINDS OF PROFESSION.

PERHAPS, IN SIX WEEKS TIMES WE WILL BE HAVING MORE MASK REQUIREMENTS AGAIN FOR PEOPLE OUTSIDE.

REMEMBER THAT TIME WHEN I WOULD BIKE DOWNTOWN AND THERE WERE SIGNS THAT YOU WERE DOWNTOWN AND YOU NEED TO WEAR A MASK.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EVENT LIKE THIS BEING HEALTHY AND NOT DANGEROUS.

I THINK THERE IS ROOM FOR THAT TO OCCUR.

YOU CAN ENJOY THE GREEN FAIR WITH THE MASK ON.

THAT'S THE WAY I'M LOOKING AT THIS.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

OF COURSE I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS AND CONCUR THAT WE WILL BE OPPORTUNISTIC IN OUR ANALYSIS.

IF IT IS UNSAFE AND BECOMES UNSAFE THE STAFF OF COURSE WOULD TAKE MEASURES UP AND DOWN THE LINE.

I THINK THIS COUNSEL APPROVED STREET CLOSURES AND SOCIAL DISTRICTS DESIGNED TO BRING MORE PEOPLE TO THE DOWNTOWN OUTSIDE.

DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CIRCULATION ON THE VERY STREETS WHERE THE FARE IS PROPOSED

TO BE.

IT STRIKES ME THAT WITH THAT AS PRESIDENT THINK IT'S A REASONABLE THING TO MOVE FORWARD AT THIS TIME.

IF THAT CHANGES ANALYSIS CHANGES.

THAT IS PAR FOR THE COURSE THE WAY THAT THE CITY DOES BUSINESS.

FURTHER DISCUSSION?

ROLL CALL VOTES DURING THE COUNCILMEMBER SONG.

[VOTING] MOTION CARRIES.

>> CA FOUR RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR A PARKS ADA COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT AND TRADITION PLAN WITH ALL TRUE SOLUTIONS.

>> I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS AT THIS TIME BASED ON NUMBERS AND CONCERNS I HAD WITH CA THREE.

ANOTHER WERE SOME COMMENTS MADE TO CA 17 AND 18.

CA THREE IF WE DID THIS IN RESPONSE TO COVID WOULD BE UNSAFE IF IT WAS INDOORS.

EXPANDING TO THE STREET WAS IN RESPONSE TO UNSAFE CONDITIONS INSIDE OF RESTAURANTS.

THAT WAS TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF THE BRICK-AND-MORTAR ESTABLISHMENTS THAT MAKE UP OUR COMMUNITY AND HELP MAKE IT VIBRANT.

THESE ARE OTHER ISSUES I FEEL ARE MORE ELECTIVE.

HERE WE HAVE A SEMBLANCE FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AND CONDITIONS I FEEL ARE UNFORTUNATELY FOR SOMEONE IN MY POSITION I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE SUPPORTING RIGHT NOW.

I AM SORRY, BUT I'M SURE.

[VOICE LOW] FROM MY SEAT I CANNOT SUPPORT IT.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

ROLL CALL STARTING WITH COUNCILMEMBER SONG.

[VOTING] MOTION CARRIES.

WE NOW COME TO A SET OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.

THIS IS OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO COUNSEL IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT A SPECIFIC -

>> I ASKED CA 18 TO BE REMOVED.

>> SO YOU DID.

MY APOLOGIES.

>> REMEMBER WHAT COUNCILMEMBER RAMLAWI WAS SAYING ABOUT THESE EVENTS.

THESE HAS THESE CONCERNS TIED WITH IT TOO.

I HAVE NO DOUBT IT WILL PASS BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO BE THE FIVE HERE.

CLOSER STREETS AND OPEN THEM TO PEDESTRIANS.

I HAVE A SITUATION HERE WHERE I SPENT AN HOUR AND DAY TALKING WITH VARIOUS BAR RESTAURANT BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA WHO ARE EITHER IN OR OUTSIDE OF THIS AREA.

THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF LOVE FOR THIS NOTION OF CREATING A WONDER IF YOU DRINK LAS VEGAS STYLE ATMOSPHERE.

FROM A BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE THE FOLKS WHO SELL LIQUOR ARE THINKING WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS PEOPLE WILL BE BROWN BAGGING IN THE SALES WILL DROP.

THAT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE.

WE HAD A MEETING WITH OUR CHIEF AND THIS CAME UP IN THE CONCERN THAT CHIEF COX HAD IS IT WILL MAKE THE OPEN INTOXICATION ESSENTIALLY UNENFORCEABLE.

PEOPLE WILL BE WONDERING TO AND FRO FROM THIS DISTRICT AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

HE STEPPED OUTSIDE THE LINE AND YOU GET A TICKET.

I WILL BUT WITH MY HEART HERE AND NOT SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THIS.

I DON'T THINK IT'S THE ROAD WE WANT TO GO DOWN.

I DON'T LIKE IT.

I DON'T LIKE THE NOTION OF LETTING PEOPLE WANDER AROUND THE STREETS WITH ALCOHOL.

I DRINK RESPONSIBLY BUT I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO SUPPORT IT.

>> I WANT TO CLARIFY THIS RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH MUCH OF IT MIRRORS THE RECENT CLOSURES ON MAIN STREET -IT DOES NOT MIMIC THE STREET CLOSURES.

USING DESIGNATED CUPS USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

I BELIEVE IT'S GOT POTENTIAL TO BE PROBLEMATIC.

IT NEEDS TO BE ON A SHORT LEASH.

I HAVE RESERVATIONS.

I WILL BE SUPPORTING IT TONIGHT.

I WILL BE WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

WE KEPT THE TIMES CONSISTENT EVERY DAY.

HOPEFULLY IN THAT PORTION OF ON STREET DRINKING BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

I HOPE THE MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING IN THE SHOW STRONG LEADERSHIP.

IT IS GOING TO BE MOSTLY MANAGED BY THOSE FOLKS.

THEY WILL NOT BE STRONG OVERSIGHT FROM CITY STAFF AS IT REGULATES THIS DISTRICT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SONG?

>> I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS.

I DID MY HOMEWORK.

IT'S WELL CONTAINED WITH SIGNS AND BARRICADES AND JUST A COUPLE FEET OFF THE RESTAURANT.

I CAME ACROSS IT BY ACCIDENT WALKING DOWNTOWN AND IT WAS LOVELY.

ALL MIDDLE-AGED FOLKS, ALL UNDER CONTROL AND VERY POLITE.

VERY CALM.

IT WOULD NOT SERVE A BUSINESS IF IT WAS OUT OF HAND AND OUT OF CONTROL AND OUT OF LINE WITH WHAT SOME OF OUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE.

AN EXTENSION WHAT WE SEEN ALL SUMMER ANYWAY.

FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND AND WHAT I'VE SEEN FROM SANDRA, THE CUBS WOULD HAVE LOGOS.

THIS IS A TEST AREA IT WILL BE HAVING OPEN CONTAINERS MOVING ALL OVER THE CITY.

THIS WAS PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR LAST JUNE.

SMALLER CITIES AND LARGER CITIES HAVE ALREADY GONE DOWN THIS PATH AND TESTED IT.

FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND FROM WHAT SANDRA HAS SHARED AND WHAT I HAVE SPOKEN TO OTHER FOLKS IN OTHER CITIES IS IT IS WELL-MANAGED AND NOT PUTTING FOLKS AT RISK AND HAS NOT INCURRED ADDITIONAL NEEDS FROM POLICE OR FIRE.

MAYBE YOU CAN GIVE US MORE INFORMATION ON THE AND IN.

>> OUR JOB IS TO REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT ALL THE BUSINESSES IN THE PANDEMIC.

THE SOCIAL DISTRICT IS SOMETHING THAT BASICALLY THE STATE IS PROVIDING AS A TOOL IN THE TOOL KIT AND RECOVERY STRATEGY.

IT'S AN OVER 70 COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE.

WE TALKED A LOT WITH GRAND RAPIDS WHICH HAS OVER 10 UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

MSU WE HAVE TALKED TO THEM.

IT WOULD BE OUR LOSS TO AT LEAST TRY IT.

IT'S BEEN GOING WELL IN THOSE COMMUNITIES.

THEY HAVE NOT HAD PROBLEMS OR ADDING ANY EXTRA PATROL.

THEY HAVE NOT ADDED EXTRA SOLID WASTE.

IT HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING BY THE BUSINESSES ON ITS OWN IN A GOOD AND SAFE WAY.

IT WOULD BE OUR LOSS TO NOT TRY IT.

DO HAVE IN THE RESOLUTION.

IF IT'S NOT WORKING IT CAN BE PULLED ANY POINT IN TIME BY THE CITY.

>> WHAT I WOULD ADD TO THAT IS NOT ONLY DOES THE RESOLUTION ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THIS AND MAKE CHANGES TO IT AS NEEDED, BUT BEFORE THE SOCIAL DISTRICT COULD BE CREATED, THE MANAGEMENT PLAN WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNED OFF ON BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY DOWNTOWN.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE CHECKS ARE IN PLACE, BUT WE FEEL WE CAN REASONABLY PROVIDE FOR THE TYPE OF OVERSIGHT AND FOR THOSE TYPES OF PRECAUTIONS AND STILL HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL DISTRICT IN OUR MAIN STREET AREA.

>> IT'S UNUSUAL TO ME WERE CONFLATING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS BEING SOCIAL.

SETTING THAT ASIDE FOR A MINUTE HOW WAS IT DETERMINED WITH THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS ARE GOING TO BE?

IS THE REASON YOU'RE TRYING TO KEEP IT SMALL?

WHAT YOU HAVE HERE, ANYONE FRONTING THE AREA HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR AN UPTICK IN SALES.

ANYONE OUTSIDE THE AREA IS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD.

HOW IS IT THIS BOUNDARY WAS CREATED THE WAY IT WAS?

>> WE STARTED OUT WITH ALL FOUR DISTRICTS.

WE HENCE SOUTH YOU, CARY TOWN AND STATE STREET IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE POLICE CHIEF, DEPUTY CHIEF AND IF YOU LIKE SOMEBODY ELSE THERE.

BASICALLY, THE AREA WAS TOO LARGE ENCOMPASSING ALL OF THAT SPACE.

WE HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD ON IT.

WE FELT LIKE OUR AREA WAS REMOVED FROM THE UNIVERSITY.

IT'S REALLY BUILT WHERE IF IT DOES GO WELL, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY CAN APPLY AS WELL.

WHO KNOWS?

THIS IS A PILOT TO TEST THE WATERS AND SEE HOW IT GOES.

THE BOUNDARIES, WE SHRUNK DOWN TO MAKE IT MORE MANAGEABLE.

>> I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE AGAIN AND REITERATE RESOLUTION IS WRITTEN TO MAKE THIS A PILOT AND FOR US TO LEARN FROM THIS AND EITHER REMOVE IT OR I HOPE IT GOES WELL AND WE LOOK TO EXPAND IT TO OTHER PARTS OF DOWNTOWN AS WELL AS WAS MENTIONED, THIS IS IMPLEMENTED IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE.

WE ARE BEHIND IN THIS.

I THINK THIS IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TRY SOMETHING I'M GRATEFUL STAFF CONTINUED WORKING ON THIS ALONG WITH OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS.

THE AREA ASSOCIATIONS AND I REALLY APPRECIATE MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION FOR TAKING THIS ON.

>> AS I LISTENED TO HOW BEHIND THE TIMES WE ARE IMPROVING THIS, THIS IS NOT NORTHVILLE OR FARMINGTON OR SOME OTHER BEDROOM COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE 40,000 STUDENTS COMING IN.

WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CAREFUL WHO WE COMPARE OURSELVES TO WHEN IT COMES TO POLICIES AS SUCH.

THAT IS WHY I SUGGESTED SINCE I HAD FOR IT TO BE A PILOT PROGRAM, TO BE FOCUSED A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY FROM CENTRAL CAMPUS SO IT CAN BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BETTER.

WE ARE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY TOWN AND WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF THE WHEN CREATING THESE TYPES OF DISTRICTS.

WILL PUSH BACK A LITTLE BIT ON THE FACT THAT WE ARE BEHIND.

WE ARE TRYING TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE AND MAKE SURE WE ARE PROTECTING SAFETY AND WELFARE OF EVERYBODY AS WE TRY TO RECOVER FROM COVID-19.

COVID IS HERE TO STAY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WITH A LOT OF LONG-LASTING CHANGES TO THE BUSINESS LANDSCAPE AND DOWNTOWN.

>> WE LOOK AT THE COLLEGE TOWNS WE DID LOOK AT AND THERE ARE COUPLE OF GRAND RAPIDS.

>> YES, BEFORE THAT IT WAS NORTHVILLE AND SMALLER TOWNS BUT -

>> HAS INTRODUCTION OF SOCIAL DISTRICTS CAUSED ANY CONCERN OR SAFETY CONCERNS?

>> WE DON'T HAVE THE POLICE ABILITY TO DO EXTRA PATROLS, THOSE WERE MY MAIN FOCUS POINTS.

IT'S BEEN WORKING.

IN FACT, THEY HAVE BEEN AMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS AND EXPANDING AREAS FOR SOCIAL DISTRICTS.

IT HAS NOT BEEN A DRUNK FEST.

IT HAS BEEN PEOPLE GETTING ONE OR TWO DRINKS AND WANTING TO BE OUTSIDE INSTEAD OF AN INDOOR SPACE.

THEIR GAME SET UP SO PEOPLE CAN WALK AROUND AND PLAY GAMES.

SOMETIMES THERE IS MUSIC.

IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE A PARTY ATMOSPHERE.

>> THANK YOU.

WILL CALL FOR VOTING.

[VOTING] MOTION CARRIES.

>> WE NOW COME TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

THEY ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO COUNSELING COMMUNITY ABOUT A SPECIFIC ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

SPEAK AT A PUBLIC HEARING YOU NEED NOT HAVE SIGNED UP IN ADVANCE, BUT YOUR SPEECH MUST RELATE TO THE SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC HEARING DIAL THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN, 877-853-5247.

ONCE YOU ARE CONNECTED AND YOU WERE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING IN WHICH TO SPEAK PLEASE ENTER *9.

TO INDICATE THAT YOU WISH TO SPEAK.

OUR CLERK WILL IDENTIFY YOU WITH THE LAST THREE DIGITS OF YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK.

YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK, PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.

OUR CLERK WILL NOTIFY YOU WHEN 30 SECONDS ARE REMAINING IN YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR REMARKS AND SEE THE FLOOR.

AN ORDINANCE 7360, 7361 AND TO AMEND ANY NEW SECTIONS WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS 7363, 7364, BUSINESS AND TRADE IN THE CODE OF ANN ARBOR.

WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING?

>> CALLAR WITH PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 934?

>> HELLO, THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS JEFF AND I'M A RESIDENT IN WARD 3. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE WITH ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED FOR FUR BAN ORDINANCE.

EVERY YEAR MILLIONS OF MINKS, FOXES AND OTHER WILD ANIMALS SPEND THEIR ENTIRE LIVES IN CRAMPED, FECES ENCRUSTED CAGES WERE THEY DENIED EVERYTHING THAT IS NATURAL AND IMPORTANT TO THEM.

HE FRANTICALLY PACED BACK AND FORTH AND ON THE CAGE BARS AND EVEN RESORT TO SELF-MUTILATION BEFORE BEING GASED, ELECTROCUTED OR SKINNED ALIVE.

ONE OF OUR MOST RECENT VIDEO EXPOSES A FOR FACTORY FARMS WHICH YOU CAN SEE ON A WEBSITE PETA.org REVEALS THAT A FOR FARMWORKER FAST RABBITS IN THE HEAD WITH A METAL PIPE AND HACKED THEIR HEADS OFF WHILE THEY WERE STILL CONSCIOUS.

NOT ONLY IS THE FUR INDUSTRY CRUEL IT'S DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE SPREAD OF THE NOBLE CORONAVIRUS.

OUTBREAKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON FUR FARMS IN CANADA, DENMARK WHERE A VARIANT OF THE VIRUS AND MINKS HAS INFECTED HUMANS.

FRANCE, GREECE, ITALY, LITHUANIA AND THE NETHERLANDS AND POLAND, SPAIN, SWEDEN AND U.S. INCLUDING MICHIGAN.

AS A RESULT, MILLIONS OF ANIMALS HAVE BEEN KILLED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID.

HUNDREDS OF OTHER MAJOR DESIGNERS AND RETAILERS HAVE BANNED THE USE OF FUR IN THEIR DESIGNS.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS BANNED FOR SALES AND SO HAS ISRAEL.

I'VE MOVED TO ANN ARBOR TO STUDY ETHICS AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN 30 YEARS AGO.

NOW I AM RAISING MY SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER HERE AND WANT TO PROVE TO HER AND THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT ANN ARBOR IS AN EXEMPLARY FORWARD THINKING CITY.

WE HAVE A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO SET A COMPASSIONATE EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS BY PASSING THIS ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE OF FUR.

THANK YOU.

>> I'M A RESIDENT OF WARD 5. I DON'T HAVE A PREPARED REMARKS, BUT I WANT TO SHARE WITH THE COUNCIL AND EVERYONE LISTENING THAT I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS VAN ON SALE OF NEW FUR PRODUCTS IN ANN ARBOR.

IT'S NEVER BEEN ETHICAL OR HUMANE AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T NEED FUR PRODUCTS IN TODAY'S WORLD WHEN WE HAVE SO MANY PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TO US TO KEEP US WARM.

IT'S SUCH A HORRIFICALLY BRUTAL, CRUEL PRACTICE TO SKINNED ANIMALS ALIVE, TO BLUDGEON THEM TO DEATH.

TO ANALLY ELECTROCUTE THEM.

TO KEEP THEM IN CRAMPED TINY CAGES.

AT SOME POINT, WE HAVE GOT TO DIG DEEP INSIDE OF OURSELVES.

AND FIND OUR HUMANITY.

WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TREAT ANY BEING ON THIS PLANET, HUMAN OR NONHUMAN WITH SUCH EXTRAORDINARY CRUELTY.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE ANN ARBOR BANNED THE SALE OF NEW FOR PRODUCT AND TAKE A STAND FOR ANIMALS.

I THINK OUR COMMUNITY IS THIS KIND OF COMMUNITY.

I THINK IT ALIGNS WITH WHO WE ARE WHO WE WANT TO BE IN THE WORLD.

THE MODEL WE WANT TO BE FOR THE WORLD.

I WOULD REALLY WELCOME THIS PASSES THROUGH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CALLAR WITH PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 950.

>> GOOD EVENING COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS BE FREE LANDER MICHIGAN BASED NONPROFIT WITH ATTORNEY AND LAW STUDENT ADVOCATE MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE STATE INCLUDING ANN ARBOR.

I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ANN ARBOR RESIDENTS AND TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

ASA OF SPORT IS ALSO VOTED TO SUPPORT IT.

PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING HAS BEEN REVISED FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT AND WE BELIEVE THE REVISIONS MAKE IT STRONGER.

WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT TO WORK WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPROVE THIS.

IT'S APPROPRIATE TO EXPAND CHAPTER 91 WHICH CURRENTLY REGULATES USE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES AND BUSINESSES IN TRADES TO ALL ANIMALS RAISED AND SLAUGHTERED FOR THEIR FUR.

THIS ORDINANCE WOULD PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT ANY ANIMAL WHO IS RAISED FURTHER FOR SUFFER.

THE OTHER NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS INDUSTRY ARE PRESENT REGARDLESS OF THE ANIMAL BEING USED.

THE ORDINANCE IS A PROPER EXERCISE OF THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ANIMAL WELFARE AND FOSTER A MORE HUMANE ENVIRONMENT IN THE CITY.

THE THREE PRONGS UPON WHICH THE PROPOSED MAN IS BASED ARE ANIMAL SUFFERING, ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

AS YOU HAVE HEARD IS PARTICULARLY SALIENT NOW WITH THE EVIDENCE OF THE LINKS BETWEEN FUR INDUSTRY AND SPREAD OF VIRUSES SUCH AS COVID-19 FROM MINK, FOR FARMS TO HUMANS.

SIMILAR SALES BANDS HAVE BEEN ENACTED IN CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO MASSACHUSETTS.

ANN ARBOR WOULD JOIN THIS GROUP AS THE FIRST MIDWESTERN CITY.

IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, FEDERAL JUDGE REJECTED A CHALLENGE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAND BY A FUR GROUP THAT VIOLATED THE COMMERCE CLAUSE.

THE FUR WAS PASSED IN 2019 BEFORE COVID.

IT'S NOT JUST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR FUR SALE BAND.

CALIFORNIA WAS THE FIRST STATE EFFECTIVE FROM 2023.

SIMILAR BILLS HAVE INTRODUCED THIS YEAR IN RHODE ISLAND, OREGON, CONNECTICUT AND HAWAII IN NEW YORK.

HER ISRAEL BECAME THE FIRST COUNTRY TO BAN FUR SALES THIS JUNE.

THERE ARE MANY GOOD REASONS TO PASS THIS BAND.

NOW IS A PARTICULARLY GOOD TIME.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CALLAR WITH THE PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 589, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

>> HI, THANK YOU.

GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

CLIMB THE DIRECTOR FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY.

I MAY HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF FEEDBACK ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE AND IN ORDER TO AVOID DICTATING THE INFORMATION I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT A COUPLE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY MICHIGAN'S SMALL BUT VOCAL TRAPPING COMMUNITY.

ALTHOUGH FEWER THAN SIX PERCENT OF MICHIGANDERS CHOOSE TO HUNT, A MUCH SMALLER PERCENTAGE CHOOSE TO TRAP ANIMALS.

MOST OF OUR STATE WILDLIFE POLICIES ARE WRITTEN WITH THIS CONSTITUENCY IN MIND.

I KNOW THEY ARE WATCHING THIS MEETING AND ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF NEW FUR PRODUCTS WILL AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO TRAP WILDLIFE AND SELL THEIR PELTS.

THIS ORDINANCE WOULD NOT PROHIBIT THE SALE OF RAW FUR PELTS BUT ONLY SO FAR PRODUCTS SUCH AS CLOTHING AND FASHION ACCESSORIES.

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PELTS OR HIDES FOR LICENSED TRAPPERS AND HUNTERS AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHO SELL THE PELTS AND HIDES GENERATED IN THE SOURCE OF THEIR LAWFUL ACTIVITIES.

THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TURN THEM INTO A NEW FOR PRODUCT LIKE A FUR COAT AND SELL THEM IN ANN ARBOR.

I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THIS ORDINANCE DEFINITION OF FUR'S ANIMAL SKINS THAT WILL BE CONVERTED TO LEATHER, COWHIDE, LAMBSKIN AND SHEEPSKIN.

THESE COVER MANY HIDES THAT ARE BYPRODUCTS.

[VOICE LOW] THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

I AM SO PROUD OF MY HOMETOWN TONIGHT.

I HOPE YOU FOCUS ON THIS ORDINANCE.

>> CALLAR WITH THE PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 518 DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

>> THIS IS.

[NAME] HSA COMES TO THE AID OF ANIMALS AND ONLY DO SO BECAUSE OF PASSIONATE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DON'T WANT TO SEE ANIMALS SUFFER NEEDLESSLY.

WE KNOW THAT FUR IS NO LONGER A NECESSITY BUT A FASHION ACCESSORY.

LIKE MANY CRUEL INDUSTRIES IT'S TIME HAS PASSED.

OUR FUR FARMS, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF WILD ANIMALS LIVED MISERABLY AND DIE PAINFULLY.

FACTORY FARMING, WE KNOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ARE THERE AND THE DISEASE THREAT.

OVER THE LAST YEAR WE FOUND MILLIONS OF ANIMALS KILLED DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE CORONAVIRUS.

THE POOR ANIMALS WERE ALREADY LIVING TORTURED LIVES DESTINED FOR DEATH SCIENCE TELLS US THAT ANIMALS ARE GENETIC COUSINS WHO SHARE THE SAME CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AND LIKE US, FEEL PAIN, FEAR, JOY, GRIEF AND LOVE FOR THEIR YOUNG.

WE DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THEIR COGNITIVE ABILITIES EVERY SINGLE DAY.

JUST AS WE SEE WITH OUR PETS, THEY HAVE PERSONALITIES, LIKES AND DISLIKES AND STRONG SOCIAL BONDS.

ANIMALS ARE NOT PRODUCTS, NUMBERS OR TAXONOMIES.

ORDINANCES LIKE THIS HELP US IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST CRUEL EXPLOITATION OF BEINGS FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

THE THREAT OF MASS DISTINCTION MAKE IT A MORAL OBLIGATION TO FIND WAYS TO ALLOW WILD ANIMALS TO LIVE IN PEACE FREE FROM HUMAN EXPLOITATION, ENCOURAGEMENT AND MEANINGLESS DEATH.

>> MANY THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORTERS AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS TIMELY MEASURE.

WE PROVIDED EXTENSIVE DATA VIA EMAIL INCLUDING SEVERAL ADI INVESTIGATIONS REVEALING NIGHTMARE FOR INDUSTRY STANDARD PRACTICES.

ANIMALS MISERABLE LIVES AND FILTHY CAGES LEAD TO BRUTAL ABRUPT ENDS.

WE PROVIDED YOU 2021 WHO, SHO REPORTS THAT CONCLUDED THAT SARS COVID FROM FUR FARM ANIMALS TO HUMANS POSES A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIOECONOMIC THREAT.

SPECIFICALLY, HERE IN THE U.S. THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE RISK OF INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF COVID WITHIN FOR FARMS IS LIKELY.

THE LIKELIHOOD OF OF PASSING FROM FARM TO HUMANS IS LIKELY.

THEY ALSO FOUND A HIGH OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RISK FOR FARMING.

STUDIES ALSO SHOW THE FUR INDUSTRY POSES HIGH CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS AND LAND USE REQUIREMENTS AND POLLUTANTS EMANATING FROM ANIMAL WASTE, FECES AND INCINERATION.

ONE STUDY WE PROVIDED YOU CONCLUDED THAT COMPARED WITH FUR IS A HIGHER IMPACT INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE, BEAUTIFICATION AND TOXIC EMISSIONS.

IN MANY CASES, FUR SCORES LOWER THAN TEXTILES.

IT'S FIVE TIMES HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE HIGHEST SCORING TEXTILE.

THERE ARE NOT MANY RAW MATERIALS THAT SCORE THIS HIGH PER KILOGRAM ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

AND EQUALS A CAR DRIVE OF OVER 1250 KILOMETERS.

AS FAR AS LAND OCCUPATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AFFECTING LOCAL AIR QUALITY, FUR SCORES HIGHER THAN OTHER TEXTILES.

THE STUDY CONCLUDED THAT EVEN IN A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ONE KILOGRAM OF FUR ARE A FACTOR 2:28 TIMES HIGHER THAN THOSE OF COMMON TEXTILES.

HE FOUND A CLEAR AND CONSISTENT RESULT WITH INDICATOR CATEGORIES ALL POINTING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

FASHION WORLD CAN AND IS ALREADY MOVING ON.

IT'S TIME TO END THIS TERRIFIC PRACTICE AND HELP ANN ARBOR JOIN OTHER LEADERS RECOGNIZE IN RESPONSE TO THE CRISES OF OUR TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I WANT TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERING THIS FUR VAN ORDINANCE.

THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL.

HIS FUR FREE AND YOU'RE HELPING TO LEAD THE WAY.

RAPIDLY GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMAL WELFARE IS LEAVING FASHION BRANDS, CITIES AND STATES CAN AFFECT COUNTRIES TO MOVE AWAY FUR.

MACY'S, BLOOMINGDALE'S, GUCCI, PRODUCT, MICHAEL KORS, ARMANI, NORDSTROM AND INSTEAD ARE JUST SOME OF THE COMPANIES THAT HAVE DENOUNCED FUR FREE POLICIES.

GOVERNMENTS ARE TAKING THE SAME STEPS.

IN 20 FIRST STATE IN THE NATION TO BAN FUR SALES.

MASSACHUSETTS FOLLOWED THE LEAD IN 2020.

ITALY, NORWAY AND NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND MANY OTHERS BAND AND RESTRICTED THE FUR TRADE.

ISRAEL BECAME THE FIRST COUNTRY TO BAN THE SALE OF FUR PRODUCTS.

THE FUTURE IS FUR FREE.

IT'S GOING OUT OF FASHION BECAUSE AS YOU HAVE HEARD THE CONDUCTION OF FUR IS UNIMAGINABLY CRUEL.

IT'S AN ENVIRONMENTAL NIGHTMARE AND IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

THE MAIN ALTERNATIVES TO FUR THAT EXIST ARE BETTER FOR ANIMALS AND ENVIRONMENT.

AFTER THE COMPANIES WENT FUR FREE OF YEARS AGO GEORGE ARMANI AND MICHAEL KORS NOTED DUE TO TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN FABRICATION WE HAVE THE ABILITY 2 TO CREATE A LUXURY AESTHETIC USING NONANIMAL FUR.

BY ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE ANN ARBOR WILL JOIN RAPIDLY LONG LIST OF GOVERNMENTS REJECTING THIS CRUEL TRADE AND EMBRACING COMPASSION ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

THANK YOU FOR ADVANCING THIS IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

I HOPE YOU WILL.

[VOICE LOW]

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING, I'M CALLING FROM LOWER TOWN IN ANN ARBOR.

PREVIOUS COLORS HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB.

I LIKE TO SHARE ONE PIECE OF WISDOM I LEARNED FROM P ET A, WHAT PEOPLE DID THEN AND WHAT WE THINK OF SOME OF THE PRACTICES THAT PEOPLE FELT WERE OKAY HUNDRED AND 50-200 YEARS AGO.

WE CAN IMAGINE SOME HORRIBLE THINGS.

THE RECOMMENDATION IN TERMS OF THINKING WAS TO THINK ABOUT PEOPLE 200 YEARS FROM NOW LOOKING BACK AT US.

SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO NOW THAT 250 YEARS FROM NOW, THOSE PEOPLE WILL THINK ON MY GOSH, HOW TO PEOPLE BACK THEN THINK THAT WAS OKAY TO DO?

I WILL LEAVE YOU WITH THAT PHILOSOPHICAL WISDOM FROM PE TA.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CALLAR 345?

DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

>> CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> YES.

>> THIS IS KITTY CALLING, I AGREE WITH ALL THE PREVIOUS CALLERS, THE SALE OF FUR SHOULD BE BANNED.

I ALSO NOTICED ON THE AGENDA THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER ORDINANCE OLD REGARDING ANIMALS.

I'M CURIOUS WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT AND WHY IT WAS PULLED?

I'M CURIOUS WHY THE COUNCIL'S COMMENT WAS PULLED?

>> YOUR SPEECH NEEDS TO RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER.

>> I KNOW IT.

GOODBYE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I SEE NO MORE COLORS ON THE LINE.

>> WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING?

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSE.

MOVING ON TO ORDER CHAPTER 1 TO 3 PROHIBITION THE CONVERSION THERAPY ON MINORS.

IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING?

>> I SEE NO COLORS WITH THEIR HANDS OF.

>> SEEING NO ONE WE HAVE THE SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY AND REGULAR SESSION MEETINGS AUGUST.

I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THESE MINUTES?

DISCUSSION OF THE MINUTES?

MINUTES ARE APPROVED.

TO AMEND SECTIONS 7360, 7361 AND 7362.

WHICH SECTION SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS 7363, 7364, 7365 ENDANGERED SPECIES.

DISCUSSION PLEASE OF B1?

>> I WANT TO SEND MY APPRECIATION OUT TO ALL THE FOLKS THAT CALLED IN WITH THEIR BACKS TO PUT BEFORE US WHAT IS GOING ON HERE.

THIS IS YESTERDAY'S BUSINESS, 150 YEARS AGO THIS MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE NEED TO DO OR CHOSE TO DO.

THOSE DAYS ARE GONE.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S SUPPORT ON THIS AN EXCELLENT PHONE CALLS.

I'VE RECEIVED A FEW FOR SOME FOLKS IN THE TRAPPING INDUSTRY AND I'M SYMPATHETIC WITH THEIR CONSIDERATIONS.

THANK MR. REISER FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

I THINK THIS IS A LOGICAL NEXT STEP FOR OUR CONSIDERATION OF ANIMAL RIGHTS.

I ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO SUPPORT THIS.

FOLKS SAY WE DO A LOT OF VIRTUE SIGNALING, BUT NOT EVERYTHING THAT IS VIRTUOUS IS HOLLOW.

THIS IS AN AND MANY OTHER THINGS WE DO ARE NOT EITHER.

THIS WILL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE IMPACT AND HOPEFULLY OTHERS WILL FOLLOW OUR LEAD IN THE STATE WILL PUT THIS TYPE OF EXULTATION ANIMALS BEHIND US.

>> MOLLY HAS BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH ME WORKING WITH ME THROUGHOUT THIS.

AFTER GETTING INVOLVED I ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A COSPONSOR.

I THINK THAT CARRIED THROUGH IN ONE SPOT BUT NOT ANOTHER.

I WANTED TO ASK THE CLERK AGAIN IF YOU COULD ADD ME AS A COSPONSOR ON THIS.

THANK YOU.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

ALL IN FAVOR?

OPPOSED?

IT'S APPROVE.

B2 TO ADD CHAPTER 123 PROHIBITION OF CONVERSION THERAPY ON MINORS.

THE TITLE.

[NAME] OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR.

>> I SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING THIS ORDINANCE TO BAN THE DISCREDITED HARMFUL PRACTICE THAT SO-CALLED CONVERSION THERAPY-I'M FEELING CONFIDENT MY COLLEAGUES IN ANN ARBOR WILL DO THE RIGHT THING TONIGHT.

I WANT TO TAKE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO CALL REPUBLICAN LEADERS TO FIND THE COMPASSION AND CONSCIENCE NECESSARY.

IT'S TIME FOR MICHIGAN TO JOIN THE 20 OTHER STATES THAT HAVE ALREADY BANNED THIS PRACTICE.

I WANT TO ASK RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN ME IN CALLING ON SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE SHORTY, HOUSE SPEAKER JASON WENTWORTH AND REPUBLICAN SHARE ON HUMAN SERVICES CURTIS VANDER WALT, REPUBLICAN SHARE OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY AND CHILDREN RODNEY WAKEMAN AND ASKED HIM TO GIVE FELICIA.

[NAME] AND.

[NAME] PROPOSED LEGISLATION HEARING ABOUT SO MICHIGAN CAN JOIN THE OTHER 20 STATES THAT HAVE ALREADY PASSED THIS STATEWIDE.

I WANT TO RELATE MY THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF THE STAFF HOURS THAT HAVE GONE INTO PUTTING THIS TOGETHER OVER A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW SINCE THIS STARTED.

I KNOW WE HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY ON THIS.

THANK YOU.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>> THANK YOU FOR USING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL OUT.

I OFTEN WONDERED IF A CONTACT FROM ANOTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL CARRIES MORE WEIGHT WHEN YOU LEAVE A VOICEMAIL OR WRITE AN EMAIL TO THESE FOLKS THAT ARE HIGHER UP THE POLITICAL FOOD CHAIN I'M NEVER SURE IF IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

OBVIOUSLY I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS.

WE GET CALLS SAYING CAN YOU CALL THIS SENATOR OR THAT SENATOR.

I SAY SEND ME A COPY OR THE BILL NUMBER SO I CAN READ IT.

THEN I CAN INFORMED ABOUT THE.

THANK YOU FOR POINTING THAT OUT AND ENCOURAGING US TO REACH UP AND SAY THIS IS WHAT IS GOING ON IN ANN ARBOR AND WHAT SHOULD BE GOING ON IN LANSING.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>> THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER HOW ANN ARBOR FUNCTIONS AS A SAFE HAVEN FOR A LOT OF FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY.

WE MAKE THE STATEMENT OF VALUES AND TRY TO LOOK FOR A SENSE OF SAFETY AND LOVE AND CARE KNOWING WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS OUR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

I THINK THIS IS GREAT.

I HAVE TALKED TO FAMILIES WHO WERE AWARE THIS WAS AN ISSUE AND ARE GLAD YOU HAVE MADE THIS AN ISSUE AS A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND HOPEFULLY A CHALLENGE TO OTHERS.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>> TO THE FOLKS FROM MY LAW SCHOOL CLASS AND THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT PRACTICUM WHO RAISED THIS ISSUE, OR IDENTIFIED IT FOR ME A COUPLE YEARS AGO, THE SO-CALLED CONVERSION THERAPY IS AN ABOMINATION THAT TRIES TO TEACH PEOPLE THEY ARE NOT WHO THEY ARE.

IT DOES GREAT AND GRIEVOUS HARM AND I'M GLAD THAT HE HERE AT THE CITY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AT WILL TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN.

IT'S A GOOD STEP FORWARD.

FURTHER DISCUSSION?

ALL IN FAVOR?

IT IS APPROVED.

D.C. ONE RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS FUNDS DISBURSEMENTS FROM FY 2022 BUDGET.

>> A BRIEF BUT SINCERE THANKS TO SARAH HIGGINS WHO MAKES THIS PROCESS REACHING OUT TO SO MANY GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY COULD BENEFIT BY HAVING THEIR COST ROUTING EVENTS THAT WE LOVE AND CARE ABOUT AND BRING VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY BY HELPING OFFSET SOME OF THE COST FROM THE CITY TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE AND PARTICIPATING IN THOSE EVENTS.

IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT SARAH HIGGINS.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

IT IS APPROVED.

D.C. TWO RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER IN THE EUGENIC PLANTS AND FUNGI AWARENESS MONTH IN ANN ARBOR.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED AS A COSPONSOR.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR LOCAL ADVOCATES, WE DECIDED SEPTEMBER AS WE PASSED A RESOLUTION EFFECTIVELY DECRIMINALIZING THESE PLANTS.

THIS IS WHAT THIS ENTAILS.

IT TALKS BRIEFLY ABOUT IT AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT THE COMING PROSECUTOR DID TO FOLLOW UP ON THE.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A.

[NAME] FEST IN ANN ARBOR AND IT'S EXCITING OR EXPLAIN THESE NEW BOUNDARIES THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES TO MENTAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS.

THIS WOULD TYPICALLY BE A MAYORAL PROCLAMATION.

I'M NOT SURE IF THIS WAS HANDLED THE RIGHT WAY, BUT I BROUGHT BEFORE THE BODY FOR OUR APPROVAL.

IT IS ESSENTIALLY THAT THE COUNCIL PROCLAIMS.

THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE I SEE HERE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS.

I HAVE SET A COUPLE OF THE RESUME MEET OUTS WHERE THEY SHARE THEIR STORIES AND EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS.

IT IS PRETTY MOVING.

THESE THINGS HAVE BETTERED PEOPLE'S LIVES.

>> FURTHER DISCUSSION?

APPROVED.

D.C. THREE RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPING DISTRICT LIQUOR LICENSE TO EVERGREEN DOWNTOWN.

APPROVED.

D.C. FIVE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 519 EIGHTH STREET IN THE TITLE FOR \$100,000 PLUS COST NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 INTO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE SOLID WASTE FUND BALANCE OF \$190,000.

DISCUSSION?