

Item 24-0341: Resolution #4-R-24 Sustainable Use of Pesticides

Municipal Services Committee

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Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:25

Okay. Public hearings. We don't have any public hearings, but we do have some people signed in who've indicated that they wish to speak, the caveat being that you need—you can only speak to an action item that is on our agenda today. So first, we have Israel Del Toro. So, and if you approach the podium, give your name and address

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderson - District 4) 02:01

Hello, Israel Del Toro [XXXXX] for the next three weeks. Let's see. So, to the municipal services committee, I'm here to speak on resolution 4-R-24 sustainable use of pesticides. The goal of this resolution is to create progressive change in our city's practices of lawn care, habitat conservation, and biodiversity protection. This resolution is founded on the idea that the City of Appleton should aim to improve its transparency with constituents, commit to reducing the use of known dangerous chemical pesticides and herbicides, and ultimately work towards employing the best practices and management rather than maintaining the status quo.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderson - District 4) 02:42

It is evident from the city staff's response that the contents of the resolution were not seriously considered. This padded report fails to address the majority of the action items of the resolution and instead fills gaps with old information and tangential information.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderson - District 4) 02:55

Next, I'll specifically identify areas where city staff's report was lacking. Action item one, "therefore, let it be resolved that the city recognizes the attached list of chemical pesticides as potentially harmful to human and environmental health. The city recognizes this list as a living document with allowable future additions or deletions to the list citing sufficient scientific evidence." Of the list provided staff responded to concerns regarding two of the 10 listed chemicals of concern. As the resolution is written, this list is meant to be a living document and a baseline for further exploration of potential hazardous chemicals currently used in the city's management of habitat properties.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderson - District 4) 03:39

Action item two "Therefore let it be resolved that the city will no longer contract services that include the use of potentially dangerous chemicals herbicides listed in the attachment that can potentially negatively impact the community's health and environment." Staff's only response to this action item on the resolution was a direct copy and paste of documentation collected in a previous Council session or discussion. This response does not adequately address the need for the city to rethink its turf management practices and makes insufficient arguments for maintaining the status quo, including arguments which, at the very least, have a strong conflict of interest. For example, the feedback that was received came from individuals who stand for to profit from the continued use of many of the chemicals of concern.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderson - District 4) 04:24

Action Item three, "Therefore, let it be resolved that the city will publicly release information regarding chemical pesticides—which chemical pesticides are used in city owned property." No substantial response to this section—to this action item was included in the in the report. The ordinance is about transparency and

adequate communication with community members. The city already shares public information on many city services, including via multiple media sources, for example, social media, printed materials, signage. Excuse me. Think of snowplowing or yard waste collection or the redevelopment of College Avenue. All are initiatives where city staff has done an outstanding job in communicating with the community about important maintenance and of city activities. This resolution seeks to improve and generate real time information dissemination, on chemical use and city properties that can affect our community members.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderperson - District 4) 05:21

And finally, action item four though—through this item, the resolution provides a mechanism for staff to continue to use chemicals of concern when situations come up that may require extreme management purposes or measures. For example—

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:36

I'm gonna say about a minute left. We don't have our handy timer.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderperson - District 4) 05:39

Gotcha. I'm down to my last paragraph. For example, trimming back invasive species or dealing with disease outbreaks and city trees or landscapes. No response to this action item was included in the 126-page report.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderperson - District 4) 05:51

Over the years Council has become accustomed to high quality feedback and responses from staff. This response was not that. I hoped Council members in this committee can acknowledge that and much and instead seriously consider each of the action items actually listed on this resolution. Thank you.

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Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 58:42

All right, moving on, we have a number 24-0341 Resolution number 4-R-24 sustainable use of pesticides. Can I get a motion. And while we're doing this, we are coming up on time for finance committee. I think alder Firkus took a poll of the members of the Finance Committee who were here and felt like we were okay to run a little bit over if we needed to, but I see that Alder van Zeeland has arrived she's doing a thumbs up. But I'm also reminding all of us that Parks and Recreation is meeting tonight and their meeting is scheduled to start at 615 So okay. So I am ready for a motion to get this on the table.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 59:35

Move to approve.

Alderperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 59:39

Second for discussion.

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 59:41

Okay, so we have a motion and a second. I am—we've had one of the authors speak already. So, I'm going to ask Alder Schultz and then I'm going to come to Alder Meltzer to speak, and just, you know, be cognizant of what everybody has already said in your comments.

Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:00:05

Meltzer first.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:00:06

Okay. Alder Meltzer.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:00:08

Thank you. I think that, you know, this this resolution maybe seemed a bit ambitious and a 126-page response seemed like an appropriate response, but I don't think that the response to this resolution gives us any insight or clarity enough for me to even consider, you know, the questions that the response is trying to raise. We have, you know, we have many, many pages that are photocopies of labels of chemicals that we're using. We have the complete city turf management plan, list of parks and city property, city parks and grounds operation manual revised in 2022. All of this material is put there into this report, and of the 10 chemicals mentioned in the resolution, one of them is mentioned once, and then another one, glyphosate, gets the bulk of the attention. So, I, at this point, I would really like to see some more—see some more response from staff. I'd like to see addressing these other chemicals.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:01:21

You know, do we even use them? If there are chemicals on this list that we don't use them, that's an easy win. If—part of part of the intention with this resolution is to be transparent, and I think that after all of this, I'm just even more confused about where the where the city stands on the all the chemicals that weren't mentioned. So, I found this very, very disappointing, and definitely would like to hear everyone else's thoughts on it. Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:01:57

And—now, are we ready to go to Alder Schultz?

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:02:01

Thank you, chair. As one of the other authors, I would share sort of maybe not disappointment, maybe it's more misunderstanding or some—I'm not sure what the word is—quizzical?—that we get this one hundred and 20 plus page report and didn't address four of the five directives that were outlined in the actual resolution. And I think, you know, we can do a lot of work at committee, but it doesn't feel like we have anything we can really work toward, given the response. And there are lots of good—there's a lot of really good information. I mean, not to disparage the collection of information. There is some rich stuff here, and I took some time to review it, but it's a lot, and the back half, as was stated by my colleague, alder Meltzer, is—I'm not sure how pertinent it is to answering these questions. So, I would hope that we could get some more work done.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:03:04

If you just pick this up. This is only about a third of it, it feels like a lot of work was done, but again, the authors are sort of sitting here wondering why four of the five sort of directives weren't fully answered or addressed and given some sense of how the city might like to, you know, take on those requests.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:03:26

The comments from—the first summary from the office of the mayor says "any suggestion that the use of pesticides and herbicides in the city is not handled the utmost attention." I don't think any of us are arguing that. People in this this room and staff have, I think, full confidence in our staff, in the people we employ, and the certifications they get, but that does not sort of mitigate the circumstances of application and also the ability to understand what was done. And this resolution is really, as has been stated a couple of times now, this is really trying to get some transparency, because it's not just the few of us who authored it. It's a community that's beginning to wonder, you know, why was the Ellen Kort Peace Park sprayed with a number side by a contracted provider in a pla—in places that are close to the waterway, and then not having the ability when they tried to seek out information about who applied it? What was applied? When was it applied? And what were the

environmental circumstances at the time of application? We couldn't get that information. I wasn't able to—excuse me—find that information very readily, either even though I asked the question.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:04:39

I think it is important to learn more about targeted management and I appreciate that the office of the mayor and staff have given us opportunity as Council members to understand what this stuff looks like in the field because we have a lot of property to manage, and we've got a lot of spaces that there are times when things like glyphosate are needed. You can't knock down a full riverine of buckthorn by hand; it's just not possible. So, we have to trust that staff is doing their utmost and their best, and then we also have, beyond that, have to trust that the people we contract with are doing the same. We've been given a list of individuals are certified, and so we—again, we want to trust that. But I think what the community is looking for is a little bit of public notice and not just herbicide stake that says something was applied don't walk on for 24 hours. We'd like to know what it is. We'd like to know how close was it applied to the waterways since most of this stuff is carcinogenic, and really bad for invertebrates and creatures that live in the Fox River.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:05:46

You know, one of the things that we tried to do with the resolution is offer an out because we understand things like knocking a wasp nest down, when you have staff that's trying to deal with some pruning or trying to deal with our significant emerald ash borer situation, you have to have those tools in your bag, and I don't think any of us would say we don't we want to strictly limit to the point where we can't do those things that are absolutely necessary. And one of those solutions might be creating an acceptable exceptions list of situations like this and give a little bit more latitude to the city to employ the stuff that's kind of nasty, but be in situations where it's absolutely necessary.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:06:27

I think—I'm just going to kind of page through. There're some notes I've taken on this stack. It's not long, but I don't know any other way of getting through it and then just trying to reference a page and make a couple of comments. So, I'm gonna go—give me a little bit of levity here. The report that was submitted from NES ecological services cited that they relied on Dr. Mark Rance from the University of Wisconsin professor and extension weed specialist, as did the Wisconsin DNR attachment and the pesticide advisory team. So, it seems like everyone is leaning into this individual's report, but that individual was directly paid by Bayer who was the mother company of Monsanto, and he was paid to do a report on glyphosate. And so, you have to wonder a little bit maybe about some conflict there, as was stated earlier.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:07:26

And I just bring one little part of what that assessment that was given that was attached the Wisconsin University, Wisconsin Madison, which referenced essentially what he reported. On page eight, assessment consideration. "What are the health human health risks? Glyphosate has been found to have low acute toxicity to animals and humans. Studies have found acute toxicity (dermal when ingested, inhalation) was similar and safer than caffeine. Chronic toxicity has been widely debated. It's not likely to be carcinogenic to humans" were his words. A little later in that "The risk to organisms—" this is on page nine—"glyphosate is practically non-toxic or slightly toxic to birds, freshwater fish, and vertebrates, estuary and marine organisms, and practically non-toxic to honeybees and earthworms." And a little later on that same page, it should be safe if the rule—if the law—the label is followed, with the label being the law.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:08:29

And then just a couple of pages later on page 12, which is the DNR's glyphosate chemical fact sheet, and remember what I just said about glyphosate being essentially safe. "Most glyphosate-based products are solely

intended for terrestrial use and are highly toxic to aquatic life. The use of glyphosate-based herbicides in aquatic environments that are not approved for aquatic use is a violation of federal and state pesticide laws." So, there's a little bit of contradiction in there about the way—and maybe it's not a contradiction, but at least the way it's worded to make it sound like glyphosate is totally safe for use wherever you decide to use it.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:09:06

I'm only going to concentrate on glyphosate because it's the one that's been picked out, and it's the one that's most often referenced, but most of these chemicals have the same sort of application directives and they're pretty intense. But even in the same on that same page glyphosate chemical fact sheet on the right-hand side "to avoid drift, application is not recommended when winds exceed five mph and in addition, excessive spread or pressure during application may allow spray to drift and must be avoided. Care must be used when applying glyphosate to prevent injury or death to non-target plants. Broadcast spray treatment can be ineffective if surrounding non-target plants are killed since the target species can rapidly recolonize newly colonated area."

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:09:45

There's a lot of that kind of language here about its application. And you know, we had this discussion when we tried to implement something similar for our right of—for our terrace policy last year, and one of the individuals in the community was astute enough to drill down into the weather conditions for that 365-day period and found that it was—I think it was 40 or 44 days when they actually could have applied any of these pesticides in a safe manner. So, I guess the point is, they're pretty nasty, and the ability to apply them is really restricted by weather conditions. And we should have the, I think, ability to find out when these things were applied in and whether those weather conditions were met.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:10:36

I mean, think about our last couple of weeks of weather here. There have been some pretty windy days. I'm not sure there's been any day in the last couple of weeks where the wind was under five miles an hour for more than a five-hour four-hour period. And also think of all those rains. Anytime you apply this stuff and the rain is in the forecast for 24 hours it could get washed in and either go into the groundwater or surface runoff into the into the river.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:11:01

Couple more—thank you for bearing with me. I'm not trying to I'm not trying to pull an Alderman Reed here. I'm doing my best. I think I've sort of said the nature of how these things are applied, or the prescriptions for the methodologies and that they're toxic deficient in vertebrates, and to protect the environment, you have to apply some pretty strict application methodologies. And, you know, again, we're trusting that not only is staff, of which we do, but also the people who are contracted by staff are following these guidelines to the tee.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:11:46

And I appreciate that we have a reporting mechanism. There's a sheet here that was supplied in that document, page 38 and 39, which basically shows us how this stuff is reported to staff when it's done, but surely it would be nice to have access to these reports when anything is applied to our public lands.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:12:08

And then just referencing, I think what is probably most important to review is the turf management plan. The last time this was approved was before I took office, which is quite a while ago, at least from my recollection. And article four of that document—this is page 41—in discussion outlines really the whole intent of that turf management plan, and I'm just going to read these 8—read this in verbatim. "This plan attempts to set standards for turf quality, and establish acceptable policies and procedures that will maintain turf quality control

and to reduce the need for chemical treatment of turf areas. This can be accomplished, accomplished primarily by, one, giving preference to non-chemical means of trimming or controlling weeds, two, placing mulching rings around trees to lessen the need for extreme trimming and herbicide use, three, utilizing spot application method of herbicides versus broadcast application, four, applying selective herbicides on an as needed basis, instead of yearly, five, reducing the number of areas that have received the occasional herbicide application in the past, six, proper mowing and fertilization techniques, seven, better education of maintenance staff that use herbicides, and eight, exploring, testing and implemented alternative methods of turf management, particularly in methods designed to reduce the use of herbicides."

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:13:22

That's the intent of a turf management plan, and on the following page, there's some examples of other things we can use and are used. I know the city does a lot of good work with public playgrounds where they only use vinegar, soap, and water. They're also doing some really good work with areas that don't need to be mowed quite as frequently. And we're working with the city to introduce some low mow seeding techniques and mixes for slope areas that pose a risk for maintenance. So, all in all, I'm not sure where that all led, but I just wanted to point out some of those things that were in that report that were valuable, and I took some—you know, at least for me, it was worth reviewing.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:14:06

But again, I think I think the work isn't done. And I would really like to see us answer those other four directives and potentially work through some of the at least the goals of the resolution to work us a little bit closer to a place where we don't have to use some of these things. I'm sure that we will always have those occasional uses. And then lastly, I would I would suggest that we need to be conscious of the lawsuits that are happening in our country that Monsanto was hit with a \$2 billion lawsuit because of people suffering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma related directly to the their use of glyphosate.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:14:47

Now those are all individuals. They were probably not following the label. I would imagine a few of them were if they received that kind of level of exposure and ended up with those adverse health conditions. But the time will come when a city employee perhaps or a citizens of this city, will find themselves in a position where they believe that the city's application of a toxic chemical or toxic pesticide like this has put them in a healthy position, and I think at some point, the city might find themselves in a not good legal position. So that's something else to be cognizant of as this issue keeps moving forward.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 1:15:30

It's not going to go away in our in our community. It's not gonna go away across the United States. This kind of thing is going to persist and we're going to keep hearing about it. So, I'd love to get out in front of it, work us a little bit closer to a better situation with these toxic chemicals, and just recognize that I think the city does a pretty darn good job already with the things that we're using, and I trust that at least we're applying it appropriately. Thank you for your time.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:15:55

Thank you. All right. Any other—Alder Meltzer.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:16:00

At this point, I'd like to make a motion to refer this back to staff.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:16:04
Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:16:06
All right, so we have a motion and a second to refer back. Alder Firkus.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 1:16:13
I don't know what what's being asked to accomplish by doing that. I could understand doing a hold for two weeks to give us a little bit more time to discuss this, but I don't know. After this little bit of discussion, I have no idea what staff would be expected to do with this. So.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:16:32
Can I clarify?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:16:33
Please.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:16:34
I would like—I would like staff to comment on the other therefore clauses in the resolution that weren't addressed in the in this report. I'd also like staff to report back the way that they did about glyphosate for Atrazine, 1, 3 dichloropropene, chlorpyrifos, methylmil, metolachlor, neonicotinoids, paraquat, and pyrethroid. And also, it would be nice to get a little bit more information about 2 4 D even though it was mentioned in the report. It was only mentioned once, and I believe that the bulk of the material in the report is literally specifically about glyphosate and not about any of these other chemicals.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:17:25
Alright, Alder Dornan, I saw you with your hand up.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 1:17:28
Thank you. I am opposed to sending this back to staff for any more research after we've already been given 125 pages of research and numerous hours spent researching this request. I think that there is probably a wealth of information available on all of these chemicals that the authors are looking for. Some of it might be somewhat difficult to find, but it's not any easier for staff to find than any of us if this is a concern. But I think a bigger concern in this is we're either going to tell staff it can't use chemicals anymore, or we're not. And I think we all know sort of how we feel about this already, and I just don't see the point of belaboring this anymore and spending more money and more time researching this, when we kind of have already drawn the lines as to how we feel about this.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 1:17:29
I'm hearing from an author say, "You know, we should be doing better." I don't think there's anyone on this Council who thinks that these chemicals are great. They're sort of a necessary evil more than anything. But then at the same time, say, "Staff does a really great job of minimizing their use as much as possible. And we should commend them for that." We're either going to let them continue to do that and trust that they are going to manage using these chemicals as safely and responsibly as possible, or we're going to tell them that they can't use them at all. I'm not sure when any additional information is going to help us make that decision. So, I think we have the information we need. We just have to decide which way we're going with this.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:19:12

Thank you. I saw Alder Smith. What mic are you on?

Alderson Martyn Smith (District 4) 1:19:18

Thank you, I'm not sure of the value of sending this back to staff either just because I don't I don't quite understand where this list of pesticides came from. And I thought that the reason that staff put together the and photocopied the labels of these things is that these are the ones that they're actively using, and therefore that's why they're that's why they're in here. And so, unless there's evidence that these are actually being used, I don't I don't think it—I don't see how it would help to send this back to staff and ask for a complete reports on all those things if it's, if it's just that these are kind of common out there pesticides. But maybe someone has an answer to that why these are...?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:20:05

I saw Alder Hayden, and then I see Alder Meltzer again, and then I have something to ask myself.

Alderson Martyn Smith (District 4) 1:20:11

If I could just say. I wasn't—

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:20:12

Okay. Keep going

Alderson Martyn Smith (District 4) 1:20:13

—that was just my—that was just my opening question.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:20:16

I apologize. Okay. Alder Hayden. What mic?

Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 1:20:24

The only thing I see that I think might be missing from this report is a financial impact of if this was implemented. And I think that would be kind of valuable to kind of look at to see if it would save the city money, cost more. So, I'm kind of curious about that if it did go back staff.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:20:41

All right. Thank you and I saw Alder Meltzer.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:20:44

Thank you. So, I think that one thing that staff should be able to do that shouldn't be any sort of burdensome type of research or time taking activity is to say yes or no as to whether or not these chemicals are being used. That was just the first most red flag omission from this report. That that was the most bothersome thing to me. But I also want to say that to take pictures, photocopies that you probably could have fit four to a page and put them on one page. Page 23 to 32 are pictures of the we'd be gone label, including the Spanish translation—one little photocopied piece at a time. Pages 33 through 37 are pictures of the T Zone label. You know, our city parks and grounds operations manual, the turf management plan—all of these things pad this out to make it look like an immense amount of staff time went into it. If I was pulling an all-nighter at Lawrence University like I often did for research papers, I could have put together something better than this. Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:21:54

I'm gonna go back to Alder Smith.

Aldersperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 1:21:58

My problem is that—I mean that we're working with people who are of goodwill and working towards the same goals that we have as far as keeping Appleton green, keeping native species and native plants going. And there's an there's a, there's an invitation here to come out with them, and work with them in the field and see how they apply and what they're actually using. And so, I guess methodologically, I'd rather start with getting to know what's being used, rather than have just kind of a laundry list of things that possibly could be used. And then I see our next move is for people who care—and I'd love to do this—what Mayor Woodford says is to see what they're doing, and then if we have a problem with them with what's being used, then to come back and write ordinances that would clarify or make or add focus to what that is, rather than this kind of very broad approach that that I that I see here.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:22:56

So, I'm going to—we have a motion to refer back to staff. I'm also reminding myself and all of us that this item is coming before the Parks and Recreation Committee tonight as well if I am remembering correctly. And I'm thinking that a couple of these questions, either Director Gazza or somebody on staff is going to be present at that committee. So, the questions that I keep—that I've heard—these are questions that I have as well, which of the list of these chemicals is actually being used? I did the—I have a spreadsheet. I did the Google thing today to figure out what they were and what they were for. So that question which I think can be answered without a refer back if we held it in this committee. Again, Parks and Recreation may have more answers for us coming up later.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:23:59

And then it seems that even the authors of the resolution have, or at least one, has said we can't we can't implement one of the proposals in the resolution which is to have the city stop buying all of these chemicals. And you know, we've just spent close to a half a million dollars taking out trees that have been killed by the emerald ash borer, and it is my understanding that there's only a couple of things which are chemical in nature that will kill this insect and save the trees that we have.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:24:44

So, I'm a little bit in agreement with Alder Doran that we kind of all know where we stand. So, I would almost prefer to rather than refer this back to staff, hold it with a specific and then ask a specific list of questions. The one I've heard from everyone, including myself, is which of these chemicals are actually being used? And if we had specific questions, not refer back to staff and say, "We need a do over on the staff memo in response to this." Okay, I saw some hands. I think I saw—I'm gonna call on Alder Croatt first, because I can't remember the order. What mic do you have? 14? Okay.

Israel Del Toro (Former Aldersperson - District 4) 1:25:36

Thank you, chair. A lot of comments—I mean, a lot of comments and some accusations were made about a 126-page report from the city which includes a memo from the mayor and a memo from the public works director who is no longer with the city, and the Deputy Director of Public Works. But I have not heard them given up—have they been given an opportunity to respond to some of the accusations and comments about their 126-page report?

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:26:08

And I was going to ask if anybody on staff had comments once we'd heard from everybody out here.

Israel Del Toro (Former Alderperson - District 4) 1:26:17

Okay. Well, I, what I saw was authors of the resolution were allowed to speak and share all their thoughts, including an end in depth analysis by Alder Schultz, and then action was going to be taken, and I didn't hear anyone from staff be—I know the mayor is not here. I know, Director Block is not here—no longer with the city. But Deputy Director Neuberger is here. Thank you.

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:26:39

All right. Thank you. And I'm gonna put it to Deputy Director Neuberger, do you—I mean, do you want to make any? I'm asking you to speak and on behalf of all the staff, but—

Alderperson William Siebers (District 1) 1:26:50

Madam Chair, we've got another item that's going to take up a lot of time. I, I would suggest we hold this.

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:27:03

Alright, so we have a motion to refer back—what. So, in order to—in order to entertain a motion to hold, we would need to withdraw the motion to hold back as or to refer back as I understand it.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:27:17

I'll—I believe the seconder also needs to agree to withdraw. I I'm open to that.

Alderperson William Siebers (District 1) 1:27:28

Was I the second?

Alderperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 1:27:28

Yes.

Alderperson William Siebers (District 1) 1:27:29

Okay. I'll withdraw the second.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:27:31

Okay. I'll withdraw the motion to refer back, and instead, I'll make a motion to hold.

Alderperson William Siebers (District 1) 1:27:36

Second.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 1:27:38

I want to say I really appreciate this conversation. I'm certainly open to exploring how this could be amended. I don't want to disparage the work that staff actually has done. I just feel that some of the comments about this report were misleading.

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:27:56

All right, so we—

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:28:00

To our next scheduled meeting. Okay, so we have a motion in a second to hold. Is there any discussion of that motion? All right. All in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. So, we have

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 1:28:13
Nay.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:28:14

Alright, so we have four to one with Alder Doran voting nay to hold until our next scheduled meeting. And again, I want to remind everybody that this item is coming up in Parks and Recreation. So, there may be answers to some of the questions there that would help us in our decision making at the next meeting.