

From: [Jonathan Tallman](#)
To: [Brandon Hammond](#); [Amanda Mickles](#)
Subject: Re: City Council Work Session w/ Boardman Parks and Rec District Board 9/17/24
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 9:14:36 AM

Dear Brandon Hammond,

I understand that the city is currently working with the Parks & Recreation Department on the development of a new RV park on Kunze Road. However, I would like to inquire about the funding for this project? In previous conversations, I was informed by you that the city had no additional funds available, despite the budget being at an all-time high in revenue, largely due to increased taxes such as the Umatilla Electric franchise electric excise fees.

During past meetings, it was acknowledged that additional revenue had come from the Amazon data center and the installation of a power line across my property, for which Umatilla Electric exercised eminent domain to provide electricity to the facility. I find it concerning that public entities could now be using these funds—generated in part by public property taxes and electrical fees—without engaging with private landowners like myself, whose property was directly affected to facilitate these developments.

While I remain committed to working with the city and other stakeholders to contribute to the growth and improvement of Boardman, I question whether these funds should be directed toward public projects instead of supporting local private businesses that played a critical role in generating them, as I previously discussed with the you in a phone call.

I would appreciate a response to these concerns and hope that we can find a mutually beneficial path forward. I would also like to add that this letter be added to the agenda for discussions in the City Council Work Session with the Boardman Parks and Rec District Board on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 PM, in the Boardman City Hall Council Chambers.

Additionally, I have more questions and statements should this matter not receive the proper acknowledgment and consideration, but for now, I would like to focus on addressing the concerns outlined above.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Tallman

On Wed, Sep 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM Amanda Mickles <micklesa@cityofboardman.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The packet for the work session for Council joint with the Boardman Parks and Rec District

Board is below. See you Tuesday!

[Work Session 6:00 PM](#)

Amanda Mickles

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