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1	6870	Reynolds	How much revenue does the city collect from parking enforcement each year? How much is this expected to change as a result of this purchase.	<p>The City issues 300 to 400 parking infractions per year. A total of 949 parking infractions were issued between 2023 to 2025. On January 1, 2025, the parking citation fee increased from \$20.00 to \$54.00. Based on past trends and the new fee, the estimated annual revenue from parking infractions is between \$16,200 to \$21,600. We'll have a better idea of total parking infractions and revenue once more time has passed since the ST Station opened.</p> <p>Although you did not ask this, it's important to note that without this technology replacement our police personnel are doing manual parking enforcement - literally chalking tires, which is time intensive and inefficient.</p>
2	6870	Reynolds	Please recap how SB 6002 impacts our use of these cameras and the related public records implications	<p>SB 6002 is a bill passed in 2026 by the Washington state legislature regulating the use of automatic license plate reader systems (ALPR) and the handling of the data collected by cities and police departments. The bill had an emergency clause, meaning it went into effect immediately upon signature by the Governor on March 30, 2026. The Association of Washington Cities has prepared a summary of SB 6002, including authorized uses of ALPR-gathered data.</p> <p>Under the new law, ALPR data is exempt from public records disclosure except for bona fide research that does not contain individually identifiable information. ALPR data may not be disclosed or shared with other entities except for judicial proceedings or other Attorney General's Office authorized state agencies.</p> <p>Additionally, SB 6002 restricts the gathering of ALPR data on or surrounding the premises of immigration or protected health care services, elementary or secondary schools, food banks, courts, or places of worship. These restrictions apply to parking enforcement ALPRs, however, a majority of the City's timed and paid parking areas fall outside of the restricted areas.</p>

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				<p>The new Axon in-car digital video recording (DVR) system, which includes an ALPR function, is scheduled for installation in the police patrol vehicles later this month. In-car DVR systems, often referred to as dashboard cameras, provide video records of traffic stops, gather evidence, and document incidents. Dashboard cameras with ALPR capability can be used to identify stolen vehicles and missing or wanted persons. Audio and video recordings that are generated by a dashboard camera are not considered ALPR data under the law unless it is converted into license plate data that could be searched or analyzed. The Police Department will postpone activation of the ALPR function of the new DVR system until department policies and practices are updated as a result of the new law.</p> <p>Use of ALPR data for parking enforcement is authorized under SB 6002. Parking enforcement data must be deleted no later than 12 hours after final disposition of enforcement cases, which includes resolution of appeals processes. The City will be in compliance with requirements of SB 6002 upon installation and activation of the parking enforcement system.</p>
3	6891	Reynolds	I thought I saw this, and now I cannot find it. How does the square footage of 9655 and the old city hall compare?	The gross area of the 9655 Building is 23,704 square feet and old City Hall is 35,832 square feet.
4	6903	Weinberg	May we please see the map showing by color which streets have what PCI rating?	The 2025 PCI map will be published as part of the packet material for the TIP Adoption meeting (May 5, 2026).

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5	6903	Reynolds	The AB indicates that REET-2 money goes to the street fund. I think I understood from Mr. Mornick that there is no longer a distinction on what REET-2 can be used for versus REET-1. If so, is there significance to the “2” in this context?	<p>The passage of HB 1791 in 2025 modified state statutes addressing allowable uses of REET, with greater flexibility by allowing any REET-1 (RCW 82.46.010) revenues to be used for any REET-2 (RCW 82.46.035) purposes, and vice versa.</p> <p>The reference to REET-2 in the TIP remains relevant. This helps distinguish between the different state laws as well as the City’s current budget policy for how the City Council invests this revenue across different capital improvements.</p> <p>Until the state officially consolidates laws governing the use of REET – or no longer requires cities not planning under the growth management act to seek voter approval for the second additional 0.25% tax – staff recommends keeping the REET-1 and REET-2 designations for clarity and reporting.</p>
6	6903	Reynolds	Can we change the portion of REET that goes to CIP vs TIP? Can amounts previously allocated be moved?	<p>Yes, the allocation of REET revenues between TIP/Street Fund and the CIP Fund is a City Council policy.</p> <p>Yes, any unspent REET dollars remaining in the Street or CIP funds can be reallocated to qualified capital projects in either fund.</p>
7	6903	Reynolds	The AB indicates that tree replacement fees are going to the street fund. Is the street fund budget planting trees?	<p>The Street Fund pays for some right-of-way operations and capital investments. Because trees are often in the right-of-way, the tree replacement fee-in-lieu reserve was nested in this fund. To date, no funds from this reserve have been spent.</p> <p>New legislation in 2026 (HB 2267) encourages cities using a fee-in-lieu system to follow a state "model ordinance" to guide the use of fee-in-lieu funds. The Washington State Department of Commerce is required to produce the model ordinance by July 1, 2028. Staff anticipate this will result in a future work item to update Mercer Island City Code 19.10.070.</p>

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8	6903	Reynolds	More generally, of all the funds going into the street fund, which could be reallocated prospectively? Which could be transferred out?	<p>Of the revenues in the Street Fund, only REET-2 dollars can be reallocated. All other revenue sources in the Street Fund are restricted for transportation-related expenditures and cannot be transferred out or reallocated to other types of capital projects.</p> <p>Per the City’s current budget policy, REET-2 revenues are split with ten percent being directed to the Capital Improvement Fund and the remaining 90 percent committed to the Street Fund. REET-2 revenues could be reallocated and transferred out of the Street Fund. The table below includes REET revenue projections in the Street Fund as of April 1, 2026:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1645 688 2163 808"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fiscal Year</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2027</td> <td>\$1,782,709</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2028</td> <td>1,824,817</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Fiscal Year	Amount	2027	\$1,782,709	2028	1,824,817
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9	6903	Reynolds	Does the council have authority to increase the REET rate?	No, the maximum rate is set by RCW. Under Washington State law, the maximum local Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) the City of Mercer Island is permitted to collect is 0.50% of the selling price for each property transaction, which is the current tax rate.						
10	6903	Reynolds	Re Aubrey Davis trail lighting I see this statement “ <i>This project may only proceed if staff secures grant funding.</i> ”. Does “may” in this context mean it cannot proceed without grant funding or that it might not proceed without grant funding? And does this require 100% grant funding?	<p>The Aubrey Davis Trail Lighting project will only proceed if the grant funding is secured. Staff is currently pursuing WSDOT’s Pedestrian Bicycle Program grant for this project. There is no matching fund requirements with this specific grant. If the grant is unsuccessful, the project will remain on the list until funding can be secured.</p> <p>Currently, no City contributions are anticipated for this project – it is completely dependent upon grant funding for completion. Grant applications are due 4/14/26 with notification for award issued by December 2026.</p>						

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				This is a good opportunity to remind the City Council about the importance of having long-range parks plans. This project is identified in the Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan , which was adopted in 2019 and includes nearly \$63M (in 2019 dollars) worth of capital improvement and vegetation management projects. Having an approved plan allows the City to compete for grant funding, which is a key strategy to funding capital projects.
11	6903	Reynolds	<i>"The share of the motor vehicle fuel tax distributed to the City of Mercer Island is projected to decline over time." Projected by who? Why?</i>	<p>This was a misstatement. The Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council has historically projected declining fuel tax revenues over time given the addition of more electric vehicles, in turn leading to less revenues allocated to jurisdictions. From 2023 to 2025, the City's portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax revenue declined 8%.</p> <p>To curb the state's budget shortfalls for transportation infrastructure, the legislature passed Senate Bill 5801 (SB 5801), a broad transportation resource package that created new taxes and fees, spending priorities, and regulatory changes.</p> <p>Beginning July 1, 2025, the new law incrementally increases fuel taxes each year through 2028. Motor vehicle fuel tax revenue projections in Exhibit 2 account for these new tax increases, assuming a 1% growth rate per year, pending further analysis.</p>
12	6903	Reynolds	When PSE does utility underground work, are they responsible for any share of resurfacing costs?	PSE must restore the specific area they excavated to its original state. They are not obligated to resurface the entire street, as the pavement on SE 27 th Street was already deteriorating before their work began.

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13	6903	Reynolds	How does our distribution of PCI scores by category compare to that of Seattle, Bellevue, or other nearby cities?	The staff do not have that comparative data. If the City Council would like staff time spent on preparing this type of analysis, we would need direction from the majority of the City Council to do so with the understanding that this work would be performed by the capital project team, necessitating that some other tasks be postponed.
14	6903	Reynolds	I see phase 1 of the missing link on this plan (90.20.0040). Have phases 2+ been defined and are they on the TIP?	Additional phases of the Island Crest Way Shared Use Path have not been added to the six-year project list. Staff recommend adding the next phase (north to 90 th Avenue SE or south to SE 68 th Street) once the Island Crest Way Shared Use Path Phase 1 (90.20.0040) construction is completed in 2027.
15	6903	Reynolds	Talk to me about 90.20.0031. I am confused. I thought this crosswalk already had curb cuts and pedestrian signals. What is changing?	The existing pedestrian crossing on Island Crest Way just north of SE 46 th Street has sidewalk ramps on each side of Island Crest Way, but not a pedestrian signal. Project 90.20.0031 will install a new pedestrian signal and upgrade sidewalk ramp components that are not currently ADA-compliant.
16	6903	Reynolds	TIP stuff appears twice—once as item 9 and once as item 12. Is the content of the two sections identical?	The content of the two TIP sections is identical. Item 9 of the agenda is for the TIP public hearing, and Item 12 is for staff presentation and discussion.
17	6903	Becker	We have significant negative ending fund balances projected, should we be worried or is this a quirk of future balances that will fix itself?	<p>Negative ending fund balances often appear within the six-year plan as forecasts are updated each year to reflect capital funding needs and available resources.</p> <p>While staff sequenced the 2027–2028 projects to match current projected resources, the schedule of improvements from 2029 through 2032 significantly exceeds currently projected resources.</p> <p>However, adopting the TIP does not authorize spending for the out-years (2029–2032). It signals intent and allows the City to monitor the "funding gap" and prioritize future policy decisions – such as pursuing new revenue streams or adjusting project scopes – well in advance of construction.</p>

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				<p>The City Council formally appropriates funds for 2027-2028 during the upcoming biennial budget process. Maintaining this comprehensive TIP project list equips the City to compete for grant funding, which is key to funding capital projects.</p> <p>Staff recommends maintaining the project list even though the fund balances are often negative in the out-years. This long-term planning allows us to plan and apply for grants, a strategy that has proven successful.</p>
18	6902	Becker	How tall is the tower, and does MICC 19.05.060(E)(1) restrict the height?	<p>The Climbing Tower Structure is approximately 30 feet tall.</p> <p>The new parks zone was <u>not</u> intended to restrict the height or square footage of playgrounds. The new “Recreational Facilities” definition in MICC 19.16.010 broadly includes buildings, structures <u>OR</u> developments. MICC 19.05.060(E)(1) is specifically referring to “Recreational Facilities” that are buildings which is just one of three categories covered by the definition. In fact, in (E)(1) the word “building” is mentioned three times – “structure” and “development” are not mentioned at all. Therefore, only “Recreational Facilities” that are buildings are subject to the gross floor area and height limitations of the (E)(1) table.</p> <p>This code section and staff response was reviewed by the Planning Director who confirmed the previous statement.</p>
19	6902	Reynolds	AB 6441 says that the engagement plan would provide for “Engagement with park neighbors and community groups to share project information, promote events, and seek feedback on the Site Plan.” Please describe the feedback process for the PLAN, as opposed to the extensive feedback on the CONCEPT.	<p>Feedback on the Site Plan was collected through public Parks and Recreation Commission meetings in November and February, which were included on the City’s Let’s Talk project page. These meetings provided the community with an opportunity to review the Site Plan and offer comments or questions.</p>

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20	6902	Reynolds	Are cost estimates in today's dollars or do they reflect anticipated inflation over the potentially long-term planning horizon?	<p>Cost estimates are presented in 2027 dollars, aligning with when the project's first phase is scheduled to begin. Because timelines for subsequent phases are not yet finalized, we set all cost estimates in 2027 dollars for consistency.</p> <p>As the City Council advances into later phases, staff will update these estimates to reflect current market conditions, including construction inflation and labor costs.</p> <p>The City's biennial budget process provides a recurring opportunity to review and refine cost estimates for all Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. For the 2027-2032 CIP scheduled for Council review and adoption this coming fall, an inflation factor will be included for all capital project cost estimates in 2028-2032.</p>
21	6902	Reynolds	Is it feasible to make central path construction and bathroom renovation part of phase 1? How much would this increase cost for this phase?	<p>If you are asking about "financial feasibility," then the staff recommend keeping the restroom in a later phase given the current funding limitations on the CIP. The existing restroom will remain in place until a new restroom is funded.</p> <p>Phase 1 focuses on foundational safety and accessibility improvements, including replacing the park's south perimeter fencing, installing new accessible parking stalls, and replacing the existing Platform Playground and climbing structure with a new climbing structure and swings.</p> <p>If you are asking about "construction feasibility" which has more to do with proper sequencing, elements were selected and sequenced to work efficiently from the area farthest from the parking lot, minimizing disruption and optimizing staging. The central path could potentially be advanced to Phase 1, but this would require additional design work in the central play area to ensure grades meet ADA requirements, particularly if the path is installed before the remainder of the central play zone.</p>

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22	6902	Reynolds	<p>The site plan exec summary suggests that the playground equipment has reached the end of its useful life. Does this mean it is currently unsafe or unusable? In what way is it no longer “useful”?</p>	<p>Playground equipment typically has an expected average useful lifespan of approximately 20 years. We use that general assumption to plan for replacement; however, we can often get more years out of a play structure through maintenance.</p> <p>The existing equipment at Deane’s remains safe and usable; however, as it approaches the end of its useful life, it generally requires more frequent and targeted maintenance to ensure continued safety and performance. Examples of additional maintenance at this stage may include more frequent inspections, tightening or replacement of worn hardware, and repair or replacement of high-wear components. Over time, these repairs can become more challenging and costly, as original replacement parts may be discontinued or difficult to source, limiting repair options. When repair options are exhausted or the equipment is determined to be unsafe by certified inspectors, the equipment is decommissioned.</p>

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23	6902	Reynolds	The AB indicates that the site plan includes a “funding strategy”. Where can I find that?	<p>The report does not provide a detailed, phase-by-phase funding plan; rather, it outlines a flexible, long-term approach to implementing improvements using the funding tools that are known to us. This is consistent with how we approach funding other long-range plans (e.g. Luther Burbank Park Master Plan, Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan). This approach emphasizes embedded fundraising opportunities within the design, along with a range of external funding sources, which could change and evolve over time.</p> <p>The project is anticipated to be funded through a combination of sources, including the Parks Capital Improvement Fund, the 2022 Parks Levy, the King County Parks Levy, competitive grants, and private donations. Pages 114–115 of the Site Plan report provides additional detail on opportunities to leverage private donations to support phased implementation.</p> <p>A community group, called Friends of Dragon Park, organized over a year ago with the commitment to raise funds for these improvements. Their efforts will hopefully result in direct donations to the park, and their work will also strengthen our grant applications.</p> <p>In addition, the City will actively pursue grant funding at the local, state, and federal levels to support specific elements of the project. Potential sources include programs administered by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (such as the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and Land and Water Conservation Fund), and accessibility-focused grants. Grant applications will be timed to align with project phasing and readiness, helping to maximize competitiveness and leverage local matching funds. Matching funds may come from City funds, levy dollars, or community contributions.</p>

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24	6902	Reynolds	Is the Berliner “Tower” accessible?	<p>Yes, the structure is designed to be accessible, incorporating both transfer points and ground-level play opportunities. A transfer point is provided at the base of the tower, and the surface inside is a tightly woven mesh material to support ascent up the structure. An additional transfer point connects to a climbing bridge leading to the treehouse pod.</p> <p>The design also includes strategically placed unitary play surfacing to provide accessible circulation routes, connecting entrances to transfer points and ensuring access from the exit of the slide.</p>
25	6902	Reynolds	At least the first page of exhibit B (engagement summary) has some text that is garbled and missing in the “engagement process” section/	There was a conversion error in the packet in AB 6902 Exhibit 2B. This was discovered on Friday, and the packet was amended and republished to correct this.
26	6902	Reynolds	I am confused by this statement in the FAQ: <i>“The impacted project area remains the same at 62,300 SF under both existing and proposed conditions”</i> . I thought I had read elsewhere that some trees are being taken out. Doesn’t that suggest impacted area is being increased? If not, how are you defining “impacted project area”?	<p>The overall area remains the same, but there will be localized impacts during construction. Some limited impacts will occur, including widening certain paths to meet accessibility requirements. Tree impacts will be limited and targeted, primarily related to accessibility improvements, safety, and necessary infrastructure. However, these impacts will be managed and offset in a few ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree replacement: Any tree removal and replacement must comply with the City’s tree ordinance • Restoration and replanting: Areas affected by construction will be restored with native understory plantings and trees, and invasive species will be removed to improve ecological health. • Trail rationalization: Some informal or redundant trails will be decommissioned and restored to vegetation, which helps offset impacts from widening other paths

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27	6902	Reynolds	FAQ16 suggests that there will be opportunities to refine the design. When? How? By who? Will the P&R commission be given additional opportunities to advise? Will the council? Will the public?	<p>Yes – FAQ16 does talk about opportunities to refine the design, but the response would have benefitted from more detail.</p> <p>The Deane’s Site Plan is a 10- to 20-year long-range plan. As with any plan for this duration, it is expected that some of the details envisioned in 2026 will evolve over time and may need to be updated to reflect future conditions.</p> <p>For example, the specific playground equipment identified today may no longer be available 15 years from now. In that case, selecting new equipment could involve a focused, “micro” community process to ensure the updated choices remain consistent with the original vision of the Site Plan.</p> <p>The same principle applies to construction materials. Advancements in materials and technology are ongoing, and future improvements - such as enhanced playground surfacing - may be incorporated into the project. In these instances, staff would integrate updated materials that align with the plan’s intent without necessarily reopening the broader public planning process.</p> <p>The Luther Burbank Park Master Plan provides a helpful example. When that plan was adopted, dock replacement was anticipated, but design work on the docks did not begin until nearly 15 years later. Given the passage of time and changes in shoreline regulations, the City conducted a targeted community process to refine and modernize the dock design. The resulting improvements met current standards while remaining true to the original vision of the Master Plan.</p>
28	6902	Hsieh	Please clarify the Tower height. Ordinance No. 25C-16 effective 12/31/2025 includes playgrounds under Recreational Facilities with a height limit of 20 ft. Was the height limit set for safety? Is the council being asked to make an exception for this Tower in a playground for kids?	Please see the response to Question #18.

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29	6902	Hsieh	<p>Woodsy Wonders Concept 2 is a Treehouse Adventure theme with 44% community approval (vs 36% for The Quest). Less Enclosed Space (65.7%) was preferred over more enclosed space (17.1%). Please clarify how this Treehouse concept with less enclosed space became the Tower which is more enclosed. Was this voted on at the PRC? Which meeting and what time was that at during the meeting?</p>	<p>The tower is enclosed with see-through mesh panels to meet fall height safety requirements while maintaining visibility around the periphery. The design emphasizes an open, “airy” quality from both the interior and exterior. Wood accent elements are used to mimic the texture of tree bark, reinforcing the experience of climbing a tree and entering the canopy, while preserving the overall transparency of the structure.</p> <p>This specific structure was not voted on during the November 6, 2025 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. During that meeting, two concepts were presented: a more traditional ramped play system and this alternative structure. Commissioners expressed interest in providing a unique play feature and this structure was noted as being distinct from other play equipment currently found within the park system.</p>
30	6902	Hsieh	<p>Please clarify how much funds are coming from parks levy, capital improvement fund, how much anticipated to be raised through donations and from grants. Will the city need to put in more funds than already approved (1.5 Million)? For grants which will need a match from the city, where will that come from?</p>	<p>Per the City’s adopted 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program, \$426,490 of the total \$1.5 M project budget (90.25.0015) is funded through the approved 2022 parks levy, \$165,752 from the King County parks levy, and \$100,000 is assumed in donations. The remaining \$807,758 project budget is covered by the Capital Improvement Fund.</p> <p>Yes, additional funds are required to fully fund Phase I of this project. If the Site Plan is adopted, the City plans to immediately pursue a Washington State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grant, which has a maximum award of \$500,000. The City will apply for the full amount, and the existing \$807,758 is sufficient to meet the required project match.</p> <p>A community group has also organized to support fundraising for this project.</p>

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31	6902	Hsieh	Kenton’s Dragon is the integral part of Deane’s Children’s Park’s legacy. Please clarify if there are any difficulties if it were moved to Phase 1 or 2 instead of currently in Phase 4. If the community was able to fundraise just for the dragon renovation, could this be done sooner rather than wait until Phase 4?	<p>It is possible to advance the Phase 4 improvements if funding becomes available earlier. However, it is important to note that Phase 4 does not include improvements to Kenton’s Dragon itself. The dragon was reconstructed in 2013 and has an anticipated lifespan of approximately 50 years; therefore, no major improvements to the structure are currently anticipated.</p> <p>The Phase 4 scope instead focuses on accessibility enhancements around the dragon, including unitary surfacing to provide access to the structure. This scope assumes that surrounding site improvements, including accessible routes, would already be in place, which would make it difficult to re-order the sequencing.</p> <p>If these improvements were advanced earlier, an interim accessible route and associated surfacing would need to be provided to ensure the area remains accessible and compliant until the broader site improvements are completed.</p>
32	6902	Weinberg	<p>The site plan explicitly calls out concrete as the material to be used for the trail between the north entrance and the central play zone. The specification of materials is customarily done in the design phase, not the planning phase. But as this material is included in the site plan, I’d like to know more about the tradeoffs between using concrete and compacted gravel.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many square feet of concrete surface are on this trail? 2. How much more would it cost to do this trail in concrete compared to compacted gravel (including the cost of any additional drainage management infrastructure)? 3. How much more per year do we expect it would cost to maintain compacted gravel vs concrete? 4. Compared to compacted gravel, how much deeper into the ground does one typically need to dig to provide both the gravel base and the concrete path itself? 	<p>The statement that surfacing is not typically identified during the planning phase is incorrect. See planning examples from the Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan where trail/pathway surfacing is described in detail.</p> <p>The trail surface is identified in the Deane’s Site Plan to ensure address accessibility needs are met.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The trail from the north entrance to the central play zone is approximately 1,900 SF. 2. Costs for the concrete trail are included in the cost estimate 3. Compacted gravel requires a higher level of effort to maintain compared to concrete, particularly when it is intended to function as an accessible route. Ongoing maintenance typically includes annual replenishment of surface material, with more frequent attention needed if ruts develop due to heavy use or weather impacts, in order to maintain a firm and stable surface. In more densely treed environments, additional

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33	6902	Weinberg	<p>On page 142 of the agenda packet, questions 2 and 3 reference 6 options labeled “Option A” thru “Option F” for The Quest and Woodsy Wonders. I don’t see where those 6 options are defined. Would you please describe (or show, if they’re pictures) what those 6 options were?</p>	<p>These character images provided for the play equipment look and feel voting exercise during Phase II have been attached Exhibit A on page 23 of this matrix.</p>
34	6902	Weinberg	<p>I’m noticing on page 147 of the agenda packet that the survey showed respondents preferred less-enclosed space over more-enclosed space – but the tree snag tower in the proposed site plan and its adjoining tree house access structure appear to be more-enclosed spaces. Is there a reason we choose to go with more-enclosed spaces?</p>	<p>See response to question 29 in the matrix.</p>

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35	6902	Weinberg	I'm noticing in question 7 on page 147 of the agenda packet that the survey respondents preferred companion see-saws to large-group we-saws. But the site plan on page 157 includes a we-saw and no see-saws. Is there a reason we chose not include the public's most-preferred option? How much cost would be saved if we provided companion see-saws instead?	<p>As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation Commission was formed to serve as the advisory board to the City Council on park planning. The Parks and Recreation Commission, alongside the project team, worked with the community for more than a year to review public comment, survey data, and public testimony to inform their recommendation to the City Council on the Deane's Children's Park Site Plan. No one survey question or single public comment was the sole driver of the recommendation on the Site Plan. All of the feedback was taken into consideration when formulating the plan.</p> <p>The Deane's Children's Park Site Plan was developed with inclusive play as a central goal. The community survey included both a traditional seesaw and an inclusive seesaw—and the traditional option was preferred. The design team worked to identify a solution that maintains a familiar rocking play experience while offering a more inclusive seating design. The final recommendation includes the inclusive seesaw equipment. Switching this component to a traditional seesaw will render this playground component not inclusive and the staff do not recommend making this change.</p>
36	6902	Weinberg	I'm noticing in question 7 on page 147 of the agenda packet that the survey respondents listed "Spring Platform Rockers" as their least-favorite option among "Group Rocking" play equipment. But the site plan on page 164 includes "Leaf Steppers," which appear to be a form of spring platform rocker. Is there a reason we chose to include the public's least-preferred option?	<p>No one survey question or single public comment was the sole driver of the recommendation on the Site Plan. All of the feedback was taken into consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission when formulating the plan.</p> <p>The leaf stepper proposed is a smaller, link component that enriches the play value of a composite group of play elements in the Critter Corner. This stepper was proposed to be a different stepper than the surrounding log steppers to enhance the playground's nature theme. Additionally, please note this particular stepper is proposed to be a stable (non-rocking) form factor due to its location in the 2-5 play area.</p>

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37	6902	Weinberg	I'm noticing in survey question 12 on page 148 of the packet that the survey respondents listed "Visual Play" as their least-favorite sensory element. But the site plan on page 172 includes a "Communication Board." Is there a reason we chose to include the public's least-preferred option?	<p>No one survey question or single public comment was the sole driver of the recommendation on the Site Plan. All of the feedback was taken into consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission when formulating the plan.</p> <p>A communication board is not a form of "visual play," but rather an accessibility tool that supports children and adults who experience challenges with verbal communication. It enables users to express basic needs, emotions, and responses through clear, visual symbols. These may include representations of feelings (e.g., happy, sad), needs (hungry, thirsty, tired), and communication cues such as yes/no, pronouns, simple questions, as well as numbers and letters.</p>
38	6902	Becker	Where within the site are the healthy trees that are estimated to be removed?	Primarily within the central play area and the connection to the 5–12+ play zone. Tree removal will be avoided to the greatest extent feasible. Specific trees will be identified during the 30% design for each project phase. Evaluations will be guided by a professional arborist and based on a site-specific analysis, with any necessary replacement completed in accordance with their recommendations and the City's tree ordinance.
39	6902	Becker	Will new trees be planted to offset healthy trees being removed?	Yes, any tree removal and replacement must comply with the City's tree ordinance as part of the permitting process. See MICC 19.10 .
40	6902	Becker	How many parking stalls will we have after phase 1B is completed but before 2B?	The existing parking lot has 12 stalls, including 2 ADA stalls that are currently non-compliant. As part of Phase 1, the ADA stalls will be upgraded to 4 compliant spaces, with resurfacing and restriping included. Following Phase 1 (and prior to Phase 2), it is anticipated that 6 non-ADA stalls will remain available.

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41	6902	Becker	If the connection to ICP is identified in phase 1, when do you anticipate it would be constructed?	During the planning process, a connection to the ICP was identified as a priority. However, Phase 1 does not currently include funding for construction of the connection. As part of Phase 1, the route and anticipated costs will be evaluated. Construction timing will depend on this analysis and subsequent Council approval to include it in either Phase I or a subsequent phase.
42	6902	Becker	Would all existing play equipment be removed to implement Phase 1, or would any remain after phase 1 but before phase 2?	The “Platform Playground” and climbing structure are proposed to be removed with Phase I.
43	6902	Becker	Is any new impervious surface in the site plan not directly tied to ADA compliance?	<p>Yes, there are impervious surfaces included in the Site Plan that are not directly related to ADA compliance. For example, mulch trails are classified as impervious in the City’s code. In addition, the proposed parking lot expansion is not tied to ADA compliance.</p> <p>A reminder that Deane’s Children’s Park is greatly under parked, which is the reason the additional parking areas were added to the long-range plan. Although Island Crest Park is right next door, the parking lot is often full at peak hours due to high use of the athletic fields.</p>
44	6902	Hsieh	How to explain the cost of and scope of Deane’s Children Park to the community? Did City Council vote to expand the scope from the initial replacement of playground equipment to the current scope and was a budget set for the plan? If so, when did this happen?	<p>The City Council authorized staff to complete a Site Plan on March 18, 2025. This is a standard process the City uses to establish a long-term vision for park improvements.</p> <p>This is a long-range plan, not a budget. The long-range plan sets the vision for the improvements made at the park over the next 10 to 20 years and positions the City to compete for grants and to solicit private donations. The budget to fund these improvements is established by the City Council and is reviewed every two years as part of the biennial budget process.</p>

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45	6902	Hsieh	Given that this plan has significant community interest and concern in terms of scope and cost, is there any difficulty in coming back to city council at 30% of design phase with actual bids?	The City Council authorizes the project phases as part of the budget. The funding is set for each phase before design work begins. Actual bids for projects are not received until the project is fully designed and advertised in accordance with RCW bidding requirements. Engineer Estimates are updated throughout the course of the project design and are usually updated at 60%, 90% and 100% design phases.
46	6902	Hsieh	Please provide background historical info as reference: How much was the estimate and final cost for Mercerdale Park Playground renovation? How much was the estimate and final cost for First Hill Playground? How much was the estimate and final cost for Aubrey Davis Playground?	<p>The Mercerdale Park playground was originally scheduled for a "like-for-like" replacement, anticipating that the aging play structure would be replaced with similar equipment. Public input received throughout the design process, however, strongly favored a playground design that expanded ADA accessibility and provided for a more inclusive play environment. AB 5876 outlines the community input that helped inform the final design recommendations, including solitary and social play options and a play environment that welcomes many different play styles.</p> <p>The City Council voted to increase the budget to expand ADA accessibility and implement the City's first inclusive playground.</p> <p>Mercerdale Park Playground Renovation (original budget set in 2021-2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original project budget = \$490,000 • Final project expenditure = \$843,696 (2021) • Engineer's Cost Estimate = \$784,390 (2021) • Final construction cost = \$777,201 (2022) <p>First Hill Park Playground Renovation (original budget set in 2024-2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original project budget = \$650,000 (2024) • Final project expenditure (as of 04.06.26) = \$553,442 • Engineer's cost estimate = \$442,097 • Final construction cost = \$443,639

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				<p>First Hill was completed in January 2026 and was a like-for-like replacement. The only outstanding project expenditure is a small amount of project management to close out the project in Q1.</p> <p>Aubrey Davis Park playgrounds have not been renovated in recent years but are planned for future renovation with funding allocated for the replacements as part of the 2022 Parks Levy.</p>
47	6902	Weiker	Will these phases be competitive for State grant funds?	Yes. The State grants available to us are very competitive, but inclusive play areas will likely rise above traditional playgrounds and improve our likelihood of being successful.
48	6902	Weiker	Is there an upcoming State grant cycle that we should be aware of? In other words, is there some urgency to adopting the Site Plan?	Most of the State grants operate on a two-year cycle in alignment with the State budget. The staff feel strongly that improvements at Deane’s should be submitted for grant funding during every grant cycle. The next round of grant funding is open now, with letters of intent/initial applications due on April 30. The Site Plan needs to be adopted for us to move forward with the full grand funding application.
49	6902	Weiker	Have we had previous success with Site Plans? Is this a tool we’ve used before?	<p>We use the term “Site Plan” and “Master Plan” interchangeably. In the case of Deane’s, we chose to call it a “Site Plan” because it’s a smaller area than our other master plans.</p> <p>The Luther Burbank Park Master Plan was adopted in 2006. The plan includes many projects anticipated to be phased over a long period of time, including plans for major updates to the shoreline and dock facilities. The City is on the eve of breaking ground on the \$10 M dock and shoreline project and that would not have been possible had the long-term plan for this park not been adopted. It’s taken us 20 years to plan for this major investment including funding (nearly half of which is through grants), and the long timeline required for shoreline</p>

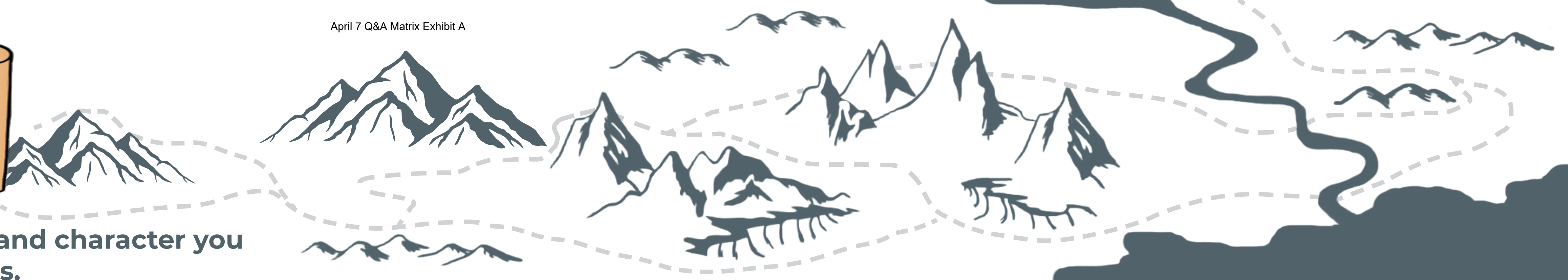
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				<p>permits. With the plan in place since 2006, the staff and City Council have been able to work toward a shared vision over the past 20 years.</p> <p>A more recent long-range park plan is the Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan, which was adopted in 2019. This is a 20-year plan that identifies a number of improvements to be pursued as funding becomes available. At the time the plan was adopted, the cost estimate for the park improvements was nearly \$63 M.</p>
50	6902	Weiker	What is the planning horizon/timeline for the Deane’s Site Plan to be fully implemented?	<p>We generally consider the planning horizon for a Site Plan of this nature to be 10 to 20 years. We are hopeful that grant funding and private donations will fund the improvements sooner than that, but if not, then the plan is in place to provide a long-term vision to ensure development is cohesive, well-organized, and properly sequenced.</p>
51	6902	Weiker	When did the Friends of Dragon Park form? And how will they be used to support funding this plan?	<p>The Friends of Dragon Park came together when the decision was made to pursue a Site Plan and an inclusive play area. They asked to begin fundraising in earnest in 2025, but we requested they hold off until the Site Plan was adopted.</p> <p>Once the Site Plan is adopted, the Friends Group can pursue private donations for the park improvements. The existence of a dedicated community group and private donations greatly strengthens our grant applications. We also believe there is the potential for corporate donations, which the Friends of Dragon’s Park group is also likely to pursue.</p>

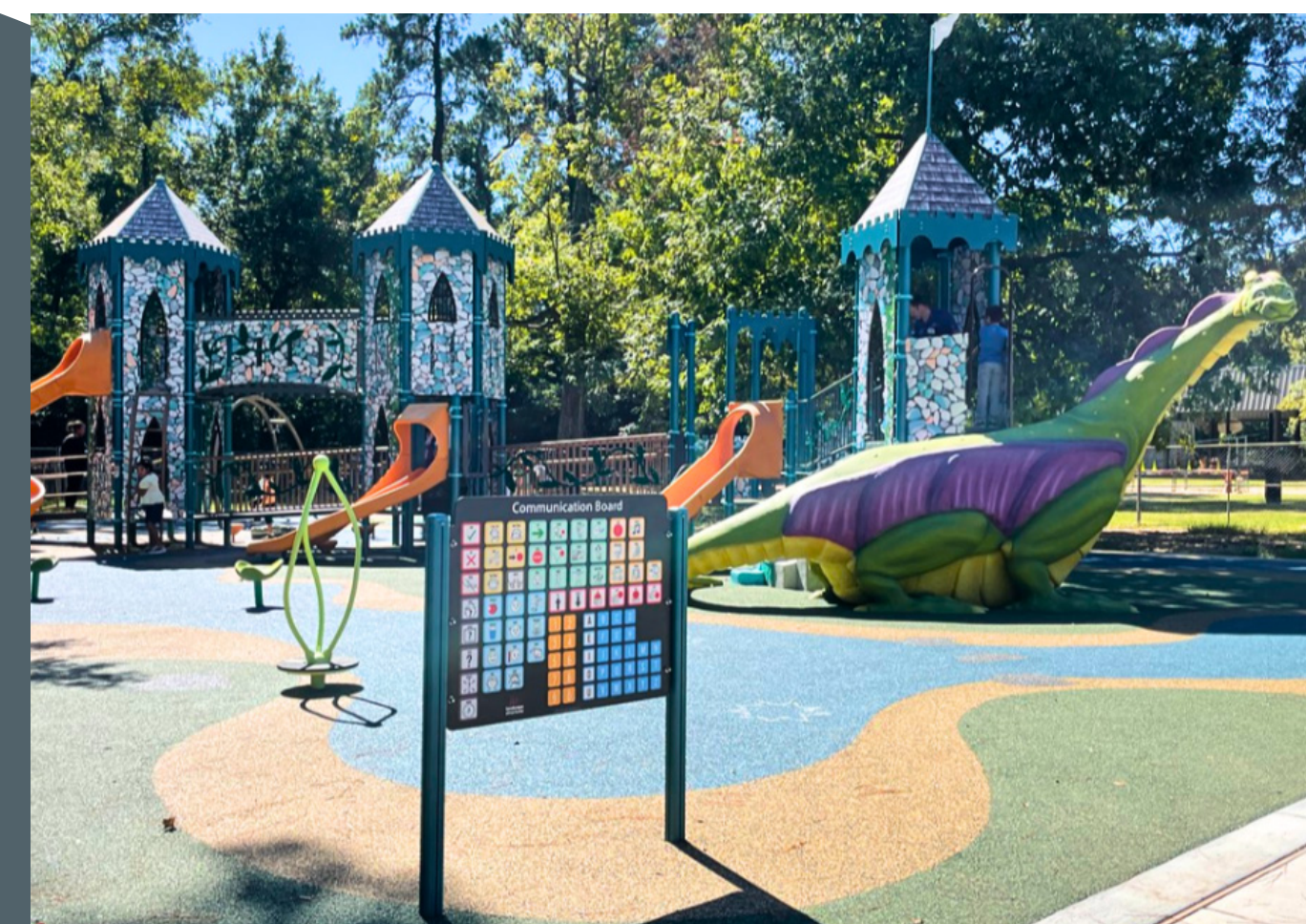
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52	6902	Weiker	Are we locked into the project phasing proposed in the Deane’s Site Plan? Can we make changes to the phasing?	<p>The project phasing in Deane’s was created to ensure that construction improvements are implemented in a logical sequence as funding becomes available. The phases were identified to ensure that as much of the park remains open as possible as improvements are made. There are many other considerations that went into the sequencing including grading, implementation of new underground utilities, etc.</p> <p>The other reason that phasing is included is to ensure that we can seek grant funding for several distinct phases of work. The adopted Site Plan will strengthen our grant applicants as it demonstrates the City has a long-term vision for the park.</p> <p>City Manager Comment: The phasing will change over time based on funding availability. If a donor comes forward to fund the entire plan, the improvements could be done in one phase. More likely, the improvements will be funded in many smaller phases over time.</p>

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