### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

#### **INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Doug Hagedorn opened the meeting with roll call with Troop 443 from Gray Summit leading the Pledge of Allegiance. They are working on Build a Better World for Arrow of Light Rank.

Mayor:		Doug Hagedorn	Present
<b>Council Members:</b>	Ward I	Al Behr	Present
		Duane Reed	Present
	Ward II	Mark Hidritch	Present
		Mark Wessels	Present
	Ward III	Chad Briggs	Present
		Jeff Patke	Present
	Ward IV	Mike Coulter	Present
		Joe Holtmeier	Present
Also Present:	City Attorney		Mark Piontek
	City Administrator		Darren Lamb
	City Clerk		Sherri Klekamp
	Police Chief		Jim Armstrong
	Public Works Director		John Nilges
	Parks Director		Wayne Dunker
	Economic Development Director		Sal Maniaci
	Communications Dire	ector	Jennifer Brune
	Library Director		Nelson Appell
	Fire Chief		Tim Frankenberg
	Emergency Managem	nent Director	Mark Skornia

Originals and/or copies of agenda items of the meeting, including recorded votes are available on record in the office of the City Clerk. Each ordinance is read a minimum of twice by title, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the Minutes from the January 17, 2023, Council Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier, passed without dissent.

#### **Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:**

- Liquor License Approval; Guffey's LLC
- Final Payment Request South Point Road Improvement Project

Page 1 **February 6, 2023**  A motion to accept and approve the agenda including the consent agenda accordingly made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

#### **PRIORITY ITEMS:**

#### Mayor's Presentations, Appointments & Re-Appointments:

\* <u>Proclamation Presentation - Mike and Eileen Stapp Excellence in Baseball and Softball</u> Award

Excellence in Baseball/Softball Award

Whereas, the City of Washington's Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding individuals in the community; and

Whereas, The D.H. "Dutch" Borcherding Excellence in Baseball/Softball category awards individuals that give back to the community in areas of baseball and softball; and

Whereas, the Washington Youth Sports Association is an organization which has promoted mental and physical health for the children of this community for three decades and prides itself on its participation of upward of 1,000 players in a season for age groups ranging from four to eighteen years old in T-ball, baseball and softball leagues; and

Whereas, Mike and Eileen Stapp have volunteered their time to the Washington Youth Sports Association for more than 28 years; and

Whereas, Mike and Eileen Stapp have instructed the game of baseball and softball and have created a platform which encouraged teamwork amongst students, offered opportunities for young people to gain confidence and work experience in concessions or umpiring. They further created a scholarship program and an assistance program for parents who could not afford the payment to play.

Now Therefore, I, James D. Hagedorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Washington, and on behalf of the entire City Council hereby take great pride and pleasure in paying tribute to Mike and Eileen Stapp and hereby proclaim The D.H. "Dutch" Borcherding Excellence in Baseball/Softball Award for their dedicated years of service to the Washington Youth Sports Association.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri, this  $6^{th}$  day of February 2023.

James D. Hagedorn Mayor

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

\* Short Term Rental – 612 Riverview Place (See Attachment A)

January 9, 2023 Mayor & City Council City of Washington Washington, MO 63090

RE: File No. 23-0101-Short Term Rental-612 Riverview Place

Page 2 February 6, 2023 Mayor & City Council:

At their January 9, 2023 meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend denial of the above Special Use Permit with an unanimous vote.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Holdmeier

Commission Chairman

With no further discussion, a motion to accept this item into the minutes made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Wessels, passed without dissent.

Bill No. 23-12732, FAILED, Introduced by Councilmember Patke, an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to utilize 612 Riverview Place as a vacation rental in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and failed 5-3 on the following roll call vote; Behr-nay, Holtmeier-aye, Reed-nay, Pake-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulternay, Hidritch-nay, Briggs-nay.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

\* Mike Johns 610 Roberts Street, addressed the Council regarding the vote on the Short Term Rental at 612 Riverview Place.

#### <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

\* None

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

\* None

#### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Bill No. 23-12733, Ordinance No. 23-13696, an ordinance amending Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 21-13459 being an ordinance annexing approximately 115 acres of the Watermann Farm as M-2, Heavy Industrial, into the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

## Bill No. 23-12734, Ordinance No. 23-13697, an ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

# Bill No. 23-12735, Ordinance No. 23-13698, an ordinance providing for the approval and acceptance of Minimum Improvements for Maintenance for "The Meadow at Koch Farm" Subdivision in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

## Bill No. 23-12736, Ordinance No. 23-13699, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and 1400 Jefferson, LLC.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

# Bill No. 23-12737, Ordinance No. 23-13700, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Union Electric Company.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

# Bill No. 23-12738, Ordinance No. 23-13701, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Parking License Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Union Pacific Railroad Company.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

## Bill No. 23-12739, Ordinance No. 23-13702, an ordinance accepting the Proposal from S-K Contractors, Inc for boat dock decking, bumper removal and installation.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

## Bill No. 23-12740, Ordinance No. 23-13703, an ordinance accepting the Estimate from John Hall Lumber Co. for boat dock materials.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Behr.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

Bill No. 23-12741, Ordinance No. 23-13704, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Contractor Agreement with K.J.U. Inc. dba K.J. Unnerstall Construction Co. for installation of a concrete pad, sidewalks and fence at Optimist Skate Park.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

Bill No. 23-12742, Ordinance No. 23-13705, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to enter into a Sales Contract between Schicker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Washington for the purchase of three (3) 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit Patrol Vehicles.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Hidritch.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

Bill No. 23-12743, Ordinance No. 23-13706, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to enter into a Sales Contract between Public Safety Upfitters LLC for the purchase, outfitting and upgrading of equipment for three (3) 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit Patrol Vehicles.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

Resolution No. 23-13707, a resolution authorizing the City of Washington to apply for funding through the East-West Gateway Council of Governments to provide for the Highway 100 & International Avenue/Rabbit Trail Drive CMAQ Project in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The resolution was introduced by Councilmember Hidritch, seconded by Councilmember Patke. With no further discussion, the resolution passed.

Resolution No. 23-13708, a resolution supporting the application for federal assistance from the Recreational Trails Program for Phase III of the Rotary Riverfront Trail Expansion in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The resolution was introduced by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Behr. With no further discussion, the resolution passed.

#### **COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

\* None

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

\* Second Council Meeting in February – Tuesday, February 21, 2023, due to President's Day Holiday.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

\* None

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

\* Our Lady of Lourdes Breakfast is Sunday, February 12 from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Public vote on whether or not to hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo (2000) passed at 8:43 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Holtmeier-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Patke-aye, Wessels-aye, Coulter-aye, Hidritch-aye, Briggs-aye.

The regular session reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 9:26 p.m. by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier passed without dissent.

Adopted:		
Attest:	City Clerk	President of City Council
Passed:		
Attest:	City Clerk	

#### Attachment A

### CITY OF WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

#### CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

# RE: SHORT-TERM RENTAL/612 RIVERVIEW PLACE HEARING HELD FEBRUARY 6TH, 2023

#### REPORTED BY KIM WROCKLAGE, CCR



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4	Transcript of Proceedings SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT
5	612 RIVERVIEW PLACE, heard at the offices of the
6	Washington City Hall, 405 Jefferson Street, in the
7	City of Washington, State of Missouri, on the 6th day
8	of February, 2023, before Kim Wrocklage, CCR for the
9	State of Missouri.
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    Mr. Darren Lamb, City Administrator
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    Ms. Sherri Klekamp, City Clerk
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    Mr. Sal Maniaci, Community & Economic Development
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    Mr. Al Behr, Ward 1
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MAYOR HAGEDORN: Folks, this next item on our agenda is basically the main thing that's going on tonight. I ask everyone as you come to the microphone to please state your name, your address and most importantly if you would please speak into the microphone. We're going to give the applicants first shot at this. They've got 15 minutes. got a list of folks here who have signed up to speak also. I'm going to ask those folks to limit their remarks to three minutes, please. And at the end of that, we're going to ask the applicants back. So any other thing I'm forgetting here? MS. KLEKAMP: Public hearing, short-term rental, 612 Riverview Place. MR. MANIACI: Good evening, Council. like you've been seeing multiples of these over the last few months, we have another request for a short-term lodging Special Use Permit here at 612 Riverview Place. This property is zoned R1-B single-family residential, and per our zoning code any property in that zoned district that requests to do short-term lodging does have to get a Special Use Permit approved, first reviewed by City Council and then approved by you all, which is what we're doing here tonight.

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So you can see here the property is mid block of Riverview Place. So Riverview Place is a pretty short street. There are -- actually east of there it becomes First Street and it dead ends at MacArthur. So you can see this whole neighborhood here consists of what you're seeing where it's highlighted, and there is no alley access in the subdivision either, which does come up often when we see these in the older parts of town. Zooming in here a little bit to get a clearer image, you can see the home does have a fairly long driveway and garage, so it does allow for an adequate amount of parking. The applicant did say that they could fit five cars on that, obviously it would have to be stacked single file in order to be parked there, but it does have the ability to have five cars even without the garage, off street parking, which is above and beyond the two that we require for single-family residential. As for staff's recommendation, as we have for all of these, I think 17 since we've done since 2017,

As for staff's recommendation, as we have for all of these, I think 17 since we've done since 2017, we do recommend approval of this strictly based on the fact that these are residential in nature and have from -- meeting the standards of Special Use Permit, as well as having little impact on the surrounding properties.

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This did go to Planning and Zoning last month, their January meeting, and there was a number of opposition. There was a petition that was submitted and I believe should have been in your packet for tonight. And so after review of that meeting, having the opposition at the meeting, Planning and Zoning did vote to deny this permit, the recommendation of denial unanimously at their last meeting. So now we're here tonight, and I'd be happy to answer any questions. All right, thank you.

The only thing I want to bring up, I have had some questions from the audience or from neighbors, I

The only thing I want to bring up, I have had some questions from the audience or from neighbors, I would assume, have had some calls about the moratorium. Planning and Zoning at that same meeting proposed to put a vote on a moratorium at their February meeting, so that does not affect this since that was applied for beforehand, so I wanted to clear that up. Next Monday the 13th Planning and Zoning will review and have a public hearing on whether or not to approve a moratorium on short-term lodging until we revise the code, and then you guys will vote on the moratorium on the Tuesday meeting February 21st. So, I just wanted to clear that up.

MR. PATKE: Sal, one question. I know people are going to speak to this, but in your opinion in

1 the Planning and Zoning meeting, the reason they 2 voted against it, can you just give us an overview. 3 Was it the neighbors just didn't want it to be there? 4 Obviously it's not a parking issue. 5 MR. MANIACI: I think it's a litany of I think there is a concern about parking 6 questions. 7 because it is single file. You could fit five cars 8 but they would have to back out, and you may have 9 quests not utilizing that correctly and park on the 10 street anyway, and I think it was the character of 11 the neighborhood that it may not just be a use that 12 is wanted by the neighborhood. I will say we've 13 had -- these have become increasingly more and more 14 requested over the past year or so, since 2017, but 15 as you guys all know, at least one a month we've been 16 seeing, sometimes more. It's really been case by 17 case on the neighborhoods, but I think the more that 18 have come up, the more opposition we've heard, and that's where the conversation came at P & Z is maybe 19 20 we need to look at the actual language of the code, 2.1 so. 22 Thanks. Other discussion? MAYOR HAGEDORN: 23 Applicant, please. 24 MR. POLITTE: Good evening Mayor Hagedorn and 25 Councilmen. My name is Dave Politte. I'm an

Front Street. I'm here tonight to represent the applicant, Marci Kiel, the native Washingtonian who bought this property quite a long time ago and actually ended up renovating it with the hopes of having the short-term rental. In my 15 minutes, I'm going to try to create as good a record as I can or thorough record, so I might talk fast. Interrupt me if you don't understand something, but I've handed out a packet of information binded together by this black clip, and I just want to go through that and explain what you have here. First is a Special Use Permit application by my client.

Exhibit 2 is a copy of the Wash Mo zoning map

Exhibit 2 is a copy of the Wash Mo zoning map indicating where the property is and that it's R1-B.

Exhibit 3 is a chart for work code which provides that vacation rental dwellings are required to get a Special Use Permit in R1-B.

Exhibit 4 is the 10 criteria for reviewing these applications, which Planning and Zoning ignored.

Exhibit 5 is a Short-Term Rental Management

Agreement. I've been around a lot of towns that deal
with these, and one of the concerns of the neighbors
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complaints or whatever. So my client does live in St. Louis County, but she has signed this agreement with Deon Johanning and Cindy who live seven miles away, and they're going to take care of the property. It even says in here if they move more than 10 miles away, then the agreement is terminated.

Exhibit 6 is the 612 Riverview Place proposed rules and regulations that they're going to impose on this property.

And then I get to Exhibit 7, and there's 17 applications as part of Exhibit 7, 17-A through 17-Q. As Sal alluded to here a few minutes ago, this possibility of getting a Special Use Permit for these things came around in 2017, and it's my understanding that the City Council has considered 17 applications that made it this far, and the City Council has approved all 17. So we're on a string of 17 in a You look through these, I'm not going to spend time on every one, but you'll notice applications from people in St. Louis, from Cedar Hill, from Columbia, from places more than an hour and a half away. I wasn't at those hearings, I don't know if they have Management Agreements like we have, but nevertheless their application was approved. know if their house was as nice as this house or if

their owners were going to be as responsive as these owners, but like I said, we're on a string of 17 in a row.

Getting to Exhibit 8, just information regarding the place for prospective guests, sort of a rules refresher for people when they come in.

Exhibit 9 is a copy of the overhead that was or the slide show that was presented at Planning and Zoning. Well, in my opinion they did a very nice job fixing up the inside of the place, wouldn't spend all that money and do a nice job like that if they were planning on having people staying there that were going to be loud and rowdy and tear the place up. That would be not very smart on their part.

Moving on, let's see, Exhibit 10 is a picture of the street looking east, the street that the property is on, and a picture, the next page, a picture of the street looking west. At this particular time when this was taken, there was one truck there on the left parked along the street. On the other side there is a vehicle right there, a little Toyota, but again with more time we can present about 30 pictures that show this is the standard, not the exception. There really isn't anybody hardly parked on the street, and if there was, like Sal said, we have the off street

parking available.

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Exhibit 11 is just an example of the extent to which my clients are willing to go to make sure this is a quality place. Apparently now you have indoor noise sensors and they link to an app right to your phone and security programs linked to apps right to your phone. So even if they are in St. Louis County, they can get a notification or notice as to things that are going on there, they call Cindy or Deon and they're on it.

Exhibit 12 is a copy of the City's zoning map indicating in my crude black lines there properties where Special Use Permits for short-term rentals have been approved by the Council in the same neighborhood. There was a question asked previously by Mr. Patke, was the sole reason this was denied that enough people showed up and said they just didn't want it? Yes, that was the sole reason. If you read the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, I think that you will glean that same answer.

Exhibit 13 is just a copy of an open house notice that they put out among the neighbors, an invitation to come by the house and hear what they have to say and see things and check it out.

Exhibits 14, 15, 16 are affidavits signed by people that say that they know that certain people who are likely going to speak tonight have known about this plan to make this a short-term rental for months and months and months. They did not just hear about it when they got the notice to come to the Planning and Zoning meeting, as had been testified to at that meeting.

Exhibit 17 is just copies of price opinions.

Cindy DeArriba had realtors come through and just make their notes and give an indicator of what they would expect the listing price should be, and it's all very impressive, I think, mid 300s, high 300s. Again they made these renovations with the expectation of having responsible folks there, not people that are going to tear their place up. In case there's anybody that says that granting this would reduce property values, right, you all, they say that I think at every Planning and Zoning hearing, we would beg to differ based on that.

And so, just moving along here, if you look at Exhibit 4, criteria for reviewing applications. I don't recall seeing in the Planning and Zoning minutes any reference whatsoever to the 10 criteria for reviewing Special Use Permit applications, which

is their job. They are the technical people 1 2 appointed by the Mayor, approved by the City Council 3 to sort of vet these things and be even more detailed 4 when they go through these things than you guys are 5 so that they can make their recommendation. factors to be considered, the compatibility of the 6 7 proposal in terms of both use and appearance, and I 8 think you can see the house looks great, it looks 9 like a lot of the other houses from the outside. The 10 comparative size, it's in keeping with the 11 neighborhood. Frequency and duration of various 12 indoor and outdoor activities and special events, not 13 necessarily special events, not necessarily outdoor 14 activities, other than maybe people playing corn hole 15 or something, which any single family resident can do 16 for that matter. Capacity of adjacent streets to 17 handle increased traffic, I believe that those 18 streets are able to do this. Increased traffic, if 19 you have people staying in a long-term (sic) rental 20 for a weekend, I don't know that that's a concern. 21 The requirements for public services where the 22 demands of the proposed use are in excess of the 23 individual demands of adjacent land uses in terms of 24 police and fire protection. There's single family 25 homes, there's two-family homes, there's

1 owner-occupied homes, there are homes that are leased 2 to long-term tenants, I don't necessarily see that 3 renting this house short term to people that can 4 afford the price who are going to stay overnight at 5 this place, which is probably going to be upwards of 300 or 400 bucks a night, are going to be anymore of 6 7 a problem or anymore of a burden on the police than any other people in this neighborhood. 8 9 Next, whether the general appearance will be 10 adversely affected. You've seen the appearance. 11 Next, the impact of night lighting, I don't see that 12 they're going to be impacting night lighting. If you 13 have a problem with that, go ahead and make it a 14 condition. Say no additional ambient lighting and 15 they'll do it. The impact of landscaping, I think 16 this is more for commercial special uses, but they'll 17 landscape it however you want it, I'm pretty sure. 18 I'm sure they'll make it look nice. Impact of a 19 significant amount of hard surface areas for 20 building, sidewalks, et cetera, I don't see that 21 applying. They're not going to put in a huge 22 driveway, unless you want them to put in a huge 23 driveway, then they will, but that doesn't really 24 apply here, I don't believe. In my opinion if you go 25 through the records, such as it will be, there is no

significant evidence going to be presented to you tonight that this Special Use Permit needs to be denied.

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And let's talk about that for a second. Special Use Permits are allowed uses, they are approved uses in the zoning class where they're indicated per that chart that I gave you. Your decision is not approve or do not approve. Your decision is approve or approve with conditions. If all the neighbors speak tonight and they bring up potential issues about lighting and parking and noise, impose conditions on this permit. Say noise shall not be more than 100 decibels measured at the lot line. Say that parking shall be off street or there shall be one off-street parking space for every guest room, I've seen that in other cities. Condition the heck out of it but you can't deny it.

So I would respectfully submit that to grant 17 of these in a row, some of which are in the same neighborhood, and then to deny this one, which is at least as good as the other 17, I would guess would be what we call in the law arbitrary and capricious.

It's completely arbitrary. As Sal said, we're getting one of these a month. We're getting more and more neighbors coming and complaining that they don't

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want these. Fine, amend the code. Issue your moratorium, but you can't take it out on this particular applicant who happened to be the last straw that broke the camel's back or whatever the rational would be and say well, we don't like these, there's too many of these, we deny. That's not a legal reason to deny.

Again, move forward with the moratorium if you think there are too many of these. You need to find substantial evidence on the record tonight to show that this thing shouldn't be granted. I went in to do some research, lawyers have a program they call Westlaw where we go in and enter some search terms and see if there's any cases, Supreme Court cases or Appeals Court cases that deal with this. I went in there to see if I could find definitions for arbitrary and capricious. The very first case, coincidentally, that came up was Presbyterian Church of Washington versus City of Washington from 1994, I believe, when the Council wrongfully denied a Special Use Permit and the property owner filed a lawsuit and the Court reversed the City. The Court said a special permit is a kind of administrative permission that allows property owners to use land in a way expressly permitted, as your code does, under

1 conditions in the zoning ordinance itself and thus if 2 proposed use meets standards, described by local 3 ordinance, the agency is bound to issue the Special 4 Use Permit. That's this analysis I was going through 5 earlier, you can admit or you can admit with 6 conditions. The agency is bound to issue the Special 7 Use Permit, subject to reasonable conditions which it might impose. Again what I was saying earlier, if 8 9 you think parking is a problem, say they have to park 10 off the street. I think they'll do whatever you want 11 to do that's reasonable. 12 So what about all the neighbors who will say 13 that they just don't want one of these in their 14 neighborhood. We should respect their opinion. 15 There aren't any of these in my neighborhood. 16 almost made my parents' house one but that didn't 17 work out, so I don't know, I'm not in their shoes, 18 but there are protections in the law for the 19 neighbors, other than just coming and expecting the 20 Council to deny a perfectly valid permit application. 2.1 Those protections are, again, issue conditions. 22 No. 2, this is only temporary. Your code says 23 that Special Use Permits are valid for a year. 24 you give them this for a year and a year from now we 25 come back and it was party central every weekend and

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noise and cops going in there every weekend, yank it. You don't have to wait the year. If you get evidence in two months that there's parties there every weekend and the cops are called there every night and there's drugs going on or whatever, yank it. They've been advised of that. expect that. The provisions in your code allowing special uses for short-term rentals didn't just appear in your code over night either. In 2017 the Planning and Zoning Commission and this Council had meetings upon meetings upon meetings and public hearings where the public was invited to come and say whatever they wanted to say about whether they like or don't like these short-term rentals. If they didn't come then, are they stopped from saying that now, I don't think so, but there are some protections here. People get invited to these meetings. Also, if the code was in place at the time they moved there, of course it's sort of a high burden to ask your average buyer but they can later review the code and say oh, shoot, short-term rentals are allowed as a permitted use. Oh, shoot, the City has issued 17 of these in a row, maybe we ought to not move into this neighborhood because we might be

living next door to a short-term rental someday.

1 So in conclusion I would say your remedy in this 2 case or decision is not to deny the permit, it is to 3 grant the permit with whatever conditions you think 4 are reasonable, and if you don't like short-term 5 rentals anymore or you don't like them in certain zoning classes, change the code. Thank you. 6 7 MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thank you, Dave. Okay, I 8 have a list in front of me here. Annie Klingler, do 9 you care to come speak? 10 MS. KLINGLER: Sure. Council, Mayor, thank 11 you very much for allowing me to speak. MAYOR HAGEDORN: Annie, can you say your name 12 13 and your address. 14 MS. KLINGLER: Yes. My name is Annie 15 Klingler. I live at 609 Riverview Place. I'm located directly across the street from 612 Riverview 16 17 Place. I've lived here in that home for 27 years 18 peacefully. And to address the 2017 short-term 19 meeting that was had that Mr. Politte just mentioned, 20 I would say that I did not receive a letter in the 2.1 mail to attend that or I would have voiced my 2.2 concerns at that time. I'm sure it was posted in the 23 paper, but if I'm not a subscriber to the paper, I 24 would not have gotten that notice; however, I would 25 have stated my claim that I lived there much longer

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than prior to 2017, and I certainly wouldn't have bought in an area where I thought there could be an Airbnb. With that being said, I want to say that I am profoundly saddened that this close knit residential neighborhood is before you today pleading for your denial of a profit making short-term rental in our residentially zoned neighborhood. I spent a great deal of time over this last month speaking with many Washington residents who live near Airbnbs and VRBOs. I went out on the street and made it my point to meet as many as I could. I wanted to speak to them about their concerns and past issues with me so that my eyes would be fully opened, and they were. They were opened to the misconduct that occurs in and around these properties. Transient quests have no stake in our residential neighborhood, thus have no reason to behave as neighbors should behave, as my neighbors do, peacefully coexisting, offering courtesy and friendliness, looking out for one These transient guests check-in, party, do another. as they wish, check-out with no consideration for the people that reside here, that have lived here for years, pay taxes here, send our children out to play We have elderly residents who have lived in our neighborhood their entire lives, 50 and 70 years

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respectively. They do not want to, nor should they, be forced to spend their golden years living in a party zone wondering what cars are parked in front of their house or what person is walking through their backyard mistakenly. We do not want to continually wonder why a car is driving so slowly back and forth down our street. Are they casing the neighborhood or is it a transient guest looking for the home they rented and booked online for the weekend, we won't know.

This is grossly concerning for everyone in our neighborhood and truly a safety issue for all parties concerned. I will not be redundant about the safety, serenity, noise, parking, small lots, close homes, alleyways and more. I've certainly watched the P & Z meeting, I'm sure you're fully aware of how we felt. This is a solid close-knit neighborhood. It's founded on grass roots, hard-working, tax-paying families that send their children to school here and vote here. We volunteer here. We truly care about each other and take care of each other. We do not want to see our neighborhood become a tourist attraction or turn into a hotel district. We just do not want it. Free enterprise is great for Washington in industrial areas and commercial districts, I'm all

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1 competition to the folks right here, and I am here in 2 support of them. First I'd like --3 MS. KLEKAMP: Tyann, I'm sorry, can you state 4 your address? 5 MS. MARCINK: 680 Scenic View Drive in Union. I would like to commend the City of Washington for 6 7 the absolute wonderful, reasonable regulations that you do have, especially in concerns of safety. 8 9 is a lot of other towns who don't have anything to do 10 with safety at all, and you guys do a really, really 11 good job. I would also like to address what I feel 12 is a root issue of the opposition and that is fear. 13 Fear of the unknown. Fear of who is going to be in 14 this house next door, and I have been hosting quests 15 coming into the area since 2017, and I'd like to tell 16 you exactly who those people are. It is friends of 17 families coming for funerals, for weddings, for 18 celebrations, folks coming in for graduations, sister 19 groups coming in to celebrate birthdays and going to 20 the wineries. It's folks coming in because they have 2.1 family here and they're visiting family, and if they 2.2 don't have family and there is no connection there, 23 then it's folks who have come in because Washington 24 tourism has done an excellent job to bring them in, 25 or it can be folks coming in for Purina events and to

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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thank you, Tyann.
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            MS. MARTIN:
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    opposed to vacation rentals in residential zones of
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1 looked after. It's idyllic and lovely and safe, and 2 I wish everybody lived in a neighborhood like ours. 3 We do not want strangers coming and going and 4 bringing with them all manner of potential issues 5 that we have to police. I know Ms. Kiel worked hard on that house, and I'm sure it's beautiful, but she 6 7 purchased that house in 2022, January. There's been 12 months to apply for a Special Use Permit, 12 8 9 months to speak to the neighbors. I knew nothing 10 about an Airbnb going into that house until I got a 11 letter from the City. The delay or spending money 12 before you apply for these permits, the consequences 13 of that delay do not belong on the neighbors of this 14 neighborhood. They just don't. My husband Mike 15 Martin, some of you know him, very tall Mike Martin, 16 he's sick, he couldn't come today, but he wanted me 17 to convey his opposition as well. 18 A few years ago when he and I were looking to 19 move to this side of town, we did a ton of due 20 diligence. We talked to a realtor, we had a 2.1 financial adviser, and we studied the City's 2.2 published zoning map because we didn't want to live 23 near businesses. We wanted an established 24 residential solid neighborhood. So we took the 25 City's map, and we used that to decide to invest our

1 money in No. 4 Riverview Place, and that is right, 2 that is our investment property where we live, and we 3 live there, we don't buy it and then go live 4 somewhere else and try to make a profit out of it, 5 that's our home, but it's our investment. And for the life of me I cannot understand why I am up here 6 7 having to defend my investment or why this out-of-town developer's investment is going to 8 9 eclipse mine. Since Mike and I invested our money where we live, that means we're fully engaged in this 10 11 community in ways that out-of-town developers and 12 short-term quests are not. We support the local 13 economy here. We pay taxes, vote, volunteer here. 14 Small business in this town lives or dies on locals. 15 So does its economy, so does its sense of self. 16 are we, are we Lake of the Ozarks, Branson, 17 Breckenridge, Gatlinburg or are we Wash Mo. Downtown 18 looks great. It's exciting, glamorous, shiny and new 19 and important, I get it. Locals, we like the 20 restaurants down there too and those little shops, I go down there, but there is more to Wash Mo than what 2.1 2.2 the tourists see at the front door. I'm talking 23 about the not so exciting, not so fancy part in the 24 back, the community part of community economic growth 25 and development. The auto repair shops and the

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    you off. We have other people tonight.
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            UNKNOWN SPEAKER: She can have my extra time.
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MS. KAMPER: My name is Katy Kamper. I live at 615 East Third. This is actually in my backyard, and we all talk about things that we don't want in our backyard, and surprisingly I don't want strangers there every weekend or day, depending on the rental. The house is lovely, and I look forward to somebody actually using it. It's been sad and by itself for too long, and I hope that somebody is going to be a family or an empty nester, but I look forward to somebody becoming a part of Washington and not just coming by, hanging out, drinking some beer and then taking off. As far as people who live fearfully or afraid of change, I'm not one of those people. I've never lived in fear. I welcome change, not this one. I think we've all expressed that there is a wonderful place for these in our community, and that is in the commercial district. I'm sorry that Marci did not research ahead of time that this was not actually in the commercial district. It's close, which is fantastic for those of us who want to walk down to the amenities that Washington provides us, but yes, this is not something that has worked well in most communities that it's become a (inaudible). I don't often use Washington and New York City in the same sentence for a comparison, but as of recent years

1 have shown where we have grown exponentially in Airbnbs and short-term rentals, I believe the rate 2 3 has been 300 percent since 2019 when we started with 4 14, we now have over 40. For those of us who want to 5 go online and research it, a lot more than 40 have There's over seven sites that I found, and 6 come in. 7 I'm not looking hard, for short-term rentals that are available, and that's VRBO, Airbnb, Drop Key, the 8 9 list goes on and on. I don't know if all of those 10 are on our rolls or if they're on our radar, but they're here. So what New York has now is more 11 12 Airbnbs than they actually have rentals for people 13 that live there. They also have a problem with their 14 property values. I don't think this is going to 15 drive my property value down at all, I think it's 16 going to make it high, too high for my kids to come 17 back and start a family, too high for young couples 18 to start out, too high for rentals, too high for 19 actual homes being purchased. I couldn't afford my 20 home today with the job I have today because of 21 property values in Washington going up, which is a 2.2 fantastic thing for most people. If you plan on 23 starting here young, it's not a good thing. 60 some 24 odd properties came up in Washington for short-term 25 rentals. Those are 60 families that could be living

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            MAYOR HAGEDORN:
                             Thanks, Katy. Next is Tami
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            MS. WHEATLEY: Good evening. My name is
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    Tamara Wheatley. I live at 616 Riverview Place. I'm
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1 these little Hamlet style cities and towns, and 2 they're just almost bedroom communities of the 3 downtown city centers, and you can't afford to live 4 in a city center or walkable neighborhood anymore. 5 I'm just asking for the neighborhood I love so long and so hard to not become a street of vacant homes 6 7 basically, which is exactly what it's going to be, 8 because there's nobody living in these homes, and 9 ours, as you can see right there, our street is 10 small. We only have eight houses that face Riverview 11 There's a little community behind Riverview 12 Place that isn't on this map, and there is a 13 community around the borders of Riverview Place and a 14 couple up and down the street here that let you know 15 how close this neighborhood is. We all know each 16 other. We picked up a neighbor from the middle of 17 First Street tonight because she was so adamant to be 18 here to show her non-support of this Airbnb. 19 80 years old by the way. We are heartfelt about this 20 place. It's a little Hamlet. It's a little area 21 that you can't pick this out. It's hard to find a 22 place like this. And I'm just asking for the 23 neighborhood to stay a neighborhood. I'm really 24 trusting that you guys will all, and especially our 25 Mayor, keep our neighborhoods intact for us and those

1 residents who wish to live in them. And I want to 2 finally just remind the Mayor that I wrote down a 3 quote of his when he was running, just in case 4 there's a tie, and it says, "We have got to get more 5 young families to move here. As Mayor I will do everything I could to make Washington the kind of 6 7 place where young families want to live and stay," and that was candidate Doug Hagedorn at the time, and 8 9 without you guys denying these folks, we really -somebody has got to break that camel's back. 10 11 sorry about the way it turned out, but I just want --12 I really do not want this to be a vacant street. 13 don't want those destabilizing places in our 14 neighborhoods. Thank you very much. 15 MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thanks, Tami. Next is 16 Chelsea Allen, please. 17 MS. ALLEN: Hello, my name is Chelsea Allen, 18 and I live at 210 MacArthur. So I live around the 19 corner from this residence, and I actually have an 20 alleyway that connects with a gate that goes into my 2.1 backyard, so you can see it would be very short for 2.2 someone to be able to get to my backyard. 23 however, am in support of this becoming an Airbnb or 24 a VRBO. I've known Ms. Kiel since she purchased this 25 property, and I was able to actually tour the

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property when she first purchased it and was able to see the disarray that the property was in when she originally took ownership of it. I also work for and 4 help run and maintain a family business that is owned and operated out of Washington. We have several, 35 employees that work for us, and we have businesses, or I'm sorry, we have locations that are in other states, so I have employees that work in other states. I bring those employees in different times a 10 year to come in to do trainings. I bring in vendors 11 different times a year to do trainings. I support 12 and I bring in customers different times a year. My goal and my hope was to be able to use this property 14 as a lovely, beautiful place to host those guests as I bring them in to our community to Washington to 16 include them in our small town, family-owned and ran company. I've lived in this neighborhood for two 18 years. I love the neighborhood. I was able to move 19 back to Washington to help support the community. 20 love the neighborhood, but I can tell you of the neighbors that I've seen here, I've only met two of 2.2 So as lovely and tight knit as it may seem to them. 23 be, I haven't necessarily met all of those folks. 24 I was also informed as soon as the home was purchased that it was going to be used as a

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short-term rental property, and I was okay with that. Like I said, I immediately thought oh, great, I have intentions that I can use it for this and this and that's great. We also have family that live out of state, my family can stay there. That can be overflow. My parents are selling their five bedroom home and moving into the riverfront block that Unnerstall is building. They would like to use it when we have family. I was able to visit the 10 property when Marci had the open house and see how beautiful the property is and how high end and 12 upscale the property is and know the clientele that she is expecting to rent there, and knowing the 14 clientele that we should hope to have is not one to be worried of parties or mischief. Our neighborhood 16 is very close, and I would assume that if something were to happen, they would of course contact the 18 correct authorities, but I'm not concerned that 19 that's going to happen. I'm also not concerned about 20 parking. There have been multiple people that have done construction projects on Riverview over the last 22 year or so, and there's been construction vehicles in the road. I've never had an issue getting through 24 the street to make my way to work in the morning. Thank you.

1 MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thanks. Murray Schwengels. 2 MR. SCHWENGELS: My name is Murray 3 Schwengels. My wife and I own 607 Riverview Place. 4 Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Councilmen and Chief, I 5 appreciate all you guys. I thought about this and 6 I've -- let me back up. There are good people here. 7 I don't know all of you, I know some of you, some of you better than others. 8 I've just met Mike and Marci 9 just a short time ago, maybe less than a year ago, I 10 guess. Don't really know them but what I do know 11 about them is that they're good people. They're 12 hard-working people. Marci has her roots here in 13 this town. I'm the guy every winter -- my wife and I 14 purchased this seven and a half years ago, something 15 like that. I'm the guy every winter that would go 16 across the street or to my next door neighbors and 17 brush the snow off of their cars without them asking 18 or even knowing about it until after I had done it, 19 just the guy I am. I don't know how many times I would, by hand, shovel the alleyway next to my house 20 2.1 at 607 so the three people that live behind me can 2.2 get out without having to worry about snow or ice, 23 that's me. And yeah, I did it in a hoodie and shorts 24 and a pair of boots, but that's just me. Was I upset 25 when I first heard there was a possibility of an

1 Airbnb going in adjacent from my house, yeah, I'm not 2 going to lie, what good is lying. I talked to 3 several neighbors about it, they were upset but the 4 difference came when I actually went across and met 5 Mike and Marci for the first time. And they'll tell you that I -- I'm the kind of guy I never meet a 6 7 stranger, and if I've got a question, I'm going to 8 ask it. And I asked them, I said hey, I heard that 9 you guys might be turning this into an Airbnb. 10 this has been almost a year ago. So for me and a few others this wasn't a shock and awe or surprise that 11 12 just came up, because for a few of us in here, we did 13 know about it. And the more I talked to them and the 14 more I met with them, and Dana and I took the time to 15 go out and over to their open house, and I saw the 16 house as well, as Chelsea said, before it had been 17 renovated and it was a mess. It's neither here nor 18 there but the people that used to live there, they 19 grew marijuana up there, nobody ever complained about 20 I don't think that's going to happen in this house. So my whole thing is this. They're just 21 22 good-hearted people. You've heard their attorney. 23 It's up to you guys, I just hope you guys can make 24 the right decision. Thank you. 25 MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thank you, Murray. Dana

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MS. SCHWENGELS: Hello, I'm Dana Schwengels, Murray's wife. We own 607 Riverview Place. I did not plan on having to come, didn't want to be here. Like my husband said, we have a lot of good memories from this neighborhood, it's great. We did, whenever Marci and Mike were over there one day, Murray and I said we're just going to go over and introduce ourselves, we did, we were on the porch, Murray asked a question and Marci said to us that they planned on staying there whenever they come to Washington. planned on their family members being able to have a place to stay, and they also planned on renting it out, and again that was about a year ago. There was also a day whenever my husband came in and he had talked to one of our neighbors. We happened to share that person's name, but, and the conversation was that another person had told this neighbor that they had been told by Marci that it was going to be an So that let's me know at least myself, my husband and at least two other neighbors who absolutely did know about this about a year ago. just want to make sure that somebody is telling the truth about that part, and if that has to be me, that's fine. I don't want to be here but I have seen

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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thank you, Dana.
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            MS. GARZA: Can it be said they sold their
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    house to those people --
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            COURT REPORTER: I don't know who you are.
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    You need to say your name.
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: I'll give you a minute. You
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    quys didn't sign up.
            MS. GARZA: We didn't sign up. My name is
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    Yvonne Garza and I live at 3 Riverview Court.
            MS. NAZARI: I'm Marcia Nazari. I'm at 205
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    MacArthur Street.
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            MS. GARZA: We just wanted to get on the
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    record that yeah, the Schwengels, they still own that
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    home that they're talking about in the neighborhood,
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    but they're in the process of selling it to the
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people turning our neighborhood into this rental agreement. I think let's get the truth out, and that's fine to say and yes they were helpful to neighbors, I have no denial of that, but they were upset about the rental coming in until they sold their house out thinking their's was going to become a rental. That will be the next one coming up for a Special Use Permit.

MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thank you, guys.

MS. NAZARI: I just wanted to say I don't know Murray, I don't know these people that bought this house, I only know Murray because my husband and I borrowed him a chainsaw when his tree went down, and he was out there cutting it up by hand. So we said hey, do you want the chainsaw, my husband stopped, yes, that's all I know of him. We've been in our home almost 27 years. Like everybody said, it's a very, very nice neighborhood. Everybody helps everybody out. I was out of town one day and my front door was open, I didn't know that, I was out of state. I had somebody call me, are you home, your door is open. People are walking food to neighbors. We don't want transients. We don't want -- and it's not the unknown, it's going to change our neighborhood.

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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Thank you.
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            MS. NAZARI: It's just sad.
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: We're going to give the
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    applicant five more minutes, if you wish, answer any
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    questions.
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    list.
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Go ahead.
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            MS. CURRAN: I didn't realize there was a
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    list that we had to sign up on. I apologize. I am
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    sorry and I am sorry for all of you.
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            MS. KLEKAMP: Could you say your name and
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    address, please.
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            MS. CURRAN: I'm sorry. I'm Delisa Curran.
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    My husband Greg and I live at 2 Riverview Court, and
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    man, I wouldn't want to be in your shoes, I'm so
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    sorry. I appreciate all that you're doing, I really
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    do. I do feel like I have to -- I did have a
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    prepared something that I wanted to say to you, but I
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    also have to clear up some things, beginning with
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    this. I'm not a lawyer, none of us are lawyers, I
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    don't believe, unless they're secret lawyers that I
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    didn't know about, so we're not prepared with what
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    the legal terms are, but I got a notice, I did not
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    know at all, I don't know any of our neighbors who
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1 do, other than it appears to be the ones who are 2 selling their house to Marci and also a friend of 3 hers, who of course she would have told, but the rest 4 of us were surprised by this information. We got the 5 notice a week before the meeting. We were completely caught off guard. My husband Greg and I purchased 6 7 the home on 2 Riverview Court. We had moved away for 8 eight years to Kansas City. We were excited to move 9 back to the community of Washington. It's a 10 wonderful place to live. Bought a piece of land, 11 thought we'd build a house, found out you have a 12 problem in Washington with finding a place to live, a 13 rental house, rental apartment, anything. It's a 14 difficult thing to find a place to rent. So, we 15 bought, trying to keep this short, we bought the 16 house on 2 Riverview Court thinking we would be able 17 to live in it while we built the other house. Before 18 we made that big investment, again not a lawyer, but 19 I did go to the City of Washington, did my due 20 diligence, looked up where the areas are that are 2.1 zoned commercial versus zoned residential. We chose 22 intentionally to live in a zoned residential area 23 because we wanted to live in a neighborhood with 24 people, not in a commercial district. We didn't want 25 to live next to an Airbnb. We wanted our home to be

a home only. If we wanted to invite people in, we 1 2 thought about having an Airbnb, so we did research a 3 little bit that there is a Special Use Permit, but we 4 chose not to be in that area. We wanted to be in a 5 residential area. We thought special meant special, not that just because 17 others have gone before us 6 7 and gotten approval, that means that there has to be 18 and then again 19, because Murray's house 8 9 apparently is also slated to become an Airbnb. 10 concern with that too is we live on the little road 11 that Murray is so kind enough to plow. He has been a 12 wonderful neighbor, I do hate to see him leave, to be 13 honest, but we live down that road that he plows. Ιf 14 somebody stays at a place called Riverview Place, 15 where do you think they're going to look. 16 you think they're going to look for. They're going 17 to look at the river, that's what I would do. That's 18 the closest way to get to it is to walk down our 19 Now we're not going to call the police every 20 time someone walks down our street, you guys don't 2.1 need to deal with that, but at the same time it's 22 going to change things. Don't want to put up 23 barriers on our street, don't want to change our 24 neighborhood, but this is where we live. 25 The other concern that I wanted to address is

1 that we have been a place that has character. 2 live in a town that people come to and they want to 3 We have generations of immigrants that have 4 been born and raised in Washington, raised their 5 kids, raised their families. Their kids can no 6 longer buy a home here because people are --7 investors are coming in from other places, St. Louis or in the example of Union Airbnbs, they're coming in 8 9 from other places and living in them. So it's an 10 hour and a half away, there are things that you can 11 do to quell the noise and different things like that, 12 but you can't put a person in there who's going to 13 raise children and go to school. These people, my 14 nephew is one, who is dying to buy a house. He can't 15 buy a house for 100 to 200,000 that isn't a wreck 16 because someone else is buying them before they even 17 go on the market because the prices are inflated 18 because of this short-term rental situation. 19 MAYOR HAGEDORN: I hate to cut you off. 20 MS. CURRAN: That's okay. I just would beg 21 you, because the other thing I brought up at the last 2.2 meeting was I never lived in a place that was a 23 neighborhood and not a subdivision. I hate 24 subdivision meetings, I'll be honest, everybody does, 25 but we get a vote when we have a neighborhood, and we

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    as residents of a neighborhood are begging you to be
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    our vote. You invited us to speak at the last
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    meeting. We thought you wanted our opinion. We gave
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         We are not afraid, we're not afraid, except of
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    losing this town. We didn't hire a lawyer but we're
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    asking you to hear us please. Please vote for us and
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    our neighborhood. We are your constituents.
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            MR. ALFERMAN: Can I have one minute?
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            MR. POLITTE: Can I have 8, 10?
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Last one.
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            MR. ALFERMAN: My name is Terry Alferman.
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    own the property at 610 Riverview. I live at 875
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    Northern Sky Drive. I've owned this piece of
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    property since 1978. It's been a residence, I've
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    lived there for 14 years and love the place.
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    love the house, I love the neighborhood. My only
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    concern with this whole thing is everybody -- if I
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    need to drive into somebody's yard or I need to do
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    this or I need to do that, I go and I ask permission
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    before I ever decide to do anything. I find out from
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    my renter they have a hot tub delivery. Nobody
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    talked to me. They drive a truck right into my yard
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    and leave ruts in my yard. My renter has made it her
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    point to go out and stomp them down. If that's the
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    way they want to do business, I don't think I want
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    them next to me. Thank you.
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            MR. KIEL: Can I have a minute to hit on that
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    point?
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Guys, we don't want to be in
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    a tit for tat.
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            MR. POLITTE: He can have my five, how about
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    that.
            MR. KIEL: I'm Michael Kiel, I'm Marci's
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    husband at 612 Riverview Place. The incident he's
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    referring to was actually, yes, it was a delivery
    truck that we hired to have this hot tub put in the
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    backyard. And I went up to our neighbor's house
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    three times that day, knocked on her door to say hey,
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    it looks like we might have to get in your yard a
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    little bit to get this hot tub put in there.
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    didn't answer the door, nothing happened. I actually
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    told the delivery truck driver I don't feel
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    comfortable with you going in their yard until we get
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    permission, and he continued to just go in the yard.
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    And she came out and I said listen, I'm going to do
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    everything I can to make this better. I sat there
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    and stomped her yard down for four days. I raked her
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    leaves three times. We bought extra fertilizer to
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    make sure her lawn looks better than it does
    currently in the spring. So I can't stand when
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    people come here and tell a lie, and so I wanted to
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    get that straight. Thank you for your time.
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            UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That is a lie.
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Come on, let's arque
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    passionately but respectfully, please. The rest is
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    for counsel, you guys. Five minutes.
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            MR. POLITTE: So again I'd like to reiterate
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    that in my opinion just denying a permit where the
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    technical boxes have been checked to get the permit,
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    like any permit, it needs to be granted. If you have
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    heard any evidence tonight actually about 612
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    Riverview itself and not just broad statements about
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    the town or the neighborhood or children or schools,
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    whatever, you might have something to hang your hat
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    on possibly to establish some conditions about
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    parking. Nobody expressed a concern about not being
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    able to park their cars in their driveway. And about
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    noise, I don't think I heard anything about noise,
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    not about lighting. Are all these general
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    guesthouses bad, neighborhoods, people, property
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    owners, let's see. I don't want to live near a
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    business, these are quotes. We were compared to New
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    York City. We were compared to Gatlinburg. We need
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    enrollment of kids in our schools. Short-term
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    rentals are ruining our community. Let's see, what
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1 else. I'm sorry Marci did not research before she 2 bought. Actually she did research, and if you would 3 have done the research you'd say okay, this is zoned 4 residential, you look at the chart, when you're 5 residential you can get a Special Use Permit. Oh, the City has issued 17 in a row, my chances are 6 7 pretty good. Maybe at that time it was only 12 or 8 We need to keep our neighborhoods intact. 9 was quoted that we need to keep our young families 10 here. What does that have to do with 612 Riverview 11 Place and the special use application for that 12 particular property? Yeah, let's get families here, 13 let's find places for them, but this application was 14 filed before any moratorium or code change at a time 15 when you're supposed to analyze it correctly and 16 issue it. So I would say -- and I heard a lot of 17 great comments about questhouses and concerns about 18 short-term rentals and what they do to a community 19 and what they do to a town and what they do to a 20 neighborhood, and I hope everyone of these people 2.1 comes back and testifies verbatim, if they want to, 2.2 before Planning and Zoning and before the City 23 Council when you have your hearings regarding 24 moratorium and regarding a possible code change 25 addressing these things. But for tonight, for what's

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    on before you tonight, this application for Special
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    Use Permit, there's not substantial evidence to deny.
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    conditions on this thing.
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    evidence that you have the right, the legal right to
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    the 17 prior applications. As I said in my opening,
    you can't just decide okay, we don't like this
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    anymore, we have more and more people coming to the
    meetings to complain, denied. You have to have
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    something to hang your hat on, a reason. And I would
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    respectfully submit that you haven't heard any
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    reasons to deny this particular application tonight.
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    Thank you.
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN:
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    of law argument. I understand. I understand.
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            UNKNOWN SPEAKER: He wanted arguments and I
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    was going to give him a few.
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            MR. HIDRITCH: I just want to make note that,
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    Mr. Politte, there was, at the P & Z meeting, there
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    was about parking, there was about noise, there was
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    even a fear of somebody jumping out of a hot tub and
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    their grandkids seeing it. So there was those
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             They might not have said it tonight.
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            MR. POLITTE:
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            MS. KLEKAMP: David, you need to go to the
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    podium, please.
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            MR. POLITTE: I think we addressed the
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    parking with the five off-street parking spaces.
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    can put a hot tub in my backyard and have a kid jump
    out and I've lived there 23 years, that can happen
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    whether it's single family, dual family, whatever,
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            MR. HIDRITCH: I just wanted to make you
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    aware of it.
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            MR. BEHR: Yeah, I think the point that Mr.
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    Hidritch was trying to make, in our packet we have
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    everything from the P & Z meeting where those were
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    addressed, parking and noise and those things.
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    just weren't brought up tonight.
            MR. POLITTE: And Mr. Hidritch's quote that
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    there's just too many neighbors here tonight that are
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    against it and I have to go with whatever the
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    neighbors say because that's what I was elected to
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            MR. HIDRITCH: It's not?
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            MR. POLITTE:
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            MR. HIDRITCH: What if somebody hired you to
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    be a lawyer, wouldn't you defend them or would you
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    just sway with the other person? Those people
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elected us, so we have to defend them and be their voice.

MR. POLITTE: My only response to that is when you were elected, you took an oath of office to uphold the laws and ordinances of the City of Washington, Missouri, and that's on behalf of the entire City. You don't just represent your ward, you don't just represent this neighborhood, you represent the entire City, and you have a City Code this thick that you have to be kind of concerned about in making decisions consistent with it.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible)

MAYOR HAGEDORN: Really it doesn't do your argument any good if you're disrespectful, okay. I'm on the fence about this, and remarks like that, it's going to sway some people. It may sway me, okay, so let's be respectful, everybody. Thank you.

MR. PATKE: Fellow councilmen, I'd just like to say that we knew or at least I knew that at some point we were going to come to this. So approving Special Use Permits for vacation rental homes was going to, at one time, be enough. It was going to be where are they at, how many. Obviously we've come to that point. No disrespect to this neighborhood, but due to the fact that the applicant has applied does

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put them in the position where granting that application is, again can be denied, not against, but in a good spot, but I think moving forward we must issue a moratorium. We must look at our code changes, put all to it so we do put these in the right spot, the right neighborhoods or lack thereof, in the future. So again I quess my point is that we can't stop someone from buying a piece of property with the intent of doing this and then change it mid application. If we have a change made before the application is submitted, then they follow the code for sure. I completely agree with that. And like I said, we need to change the code as we see fit, and I think we've talked briefly about that but now it's come to a huge head here tonight, there's no doubt about that, but the 17 before it, the 16 before it, whatever we have in town, we have now come to a point where enough is enough and we have to figure out a better code change. Whether you agree with that or not, I don't know, but gotta be honest. MR. REED: I'd like to say all these people are my neighbors. I live four houses away from this, and I know how they feel. And you're right, they voted for us. I can't say I'm a big fan of it and I understand every one of these people, and it's in my

1 hood, and are we going to table it or are we going to 2 vote on it? 3 MR. WESSLES: I don't see what tabling -- I 4 don't know what good -- I thought about that. 5 going to have to make the decision, whether it's tonight or it's two weeks from now, and I don't see a 6 7 change as a result. I personally -- and I understand what these folks are talking about. I've talked to 8 9 several of you, and I mentioned to a couple of you on 10 the phone that we're kind of on the cusp here, 11 unfortunately for the people involved here, of this 12 decision about when is it time to bring the limit. 13 I've asked the City for details on how many 14 households do we have, exactly how many Airbnbs do we 15 have and what percentage is that, how does that 16 compare to others. I think we need to make that an 17 informed decision also when and if we do this 18 moratorium. I personally, I don't know how, I don't 19 know how we can go against the ordinances and laws 20 that are put in place right now. I don't know how we 21 can do that and fairly do that across the board where 2.2 you pick -- that's the whole idea of having these so 23 that you don't -- when you come up with these things, 24 you have something to guide you, you have something 25 to go by, and we've had these rules in place for some

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I for one feel like we're going to have to
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    time.
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    follow them and grant the approval.
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            UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Excuse me. Then why did we
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    come to the Planning and Zoning board meeting to
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    express our --
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            COURT REPORTER: I don't know who's speaking.
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    Do you want to have her come up here?
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                             Bonnie, I'm sorry, the
            MAYOR HAGEDORN:
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    public comment section is over. I know you guys each
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    would have differing arguments with what the
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    councilmen are saying, but quite frankly it's time
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    for the council to act, and we need to get their
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    viewpoint too. So I'm sorry to cut you guys off.
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                          Anybody else?
            MR. WESSLES:
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                             Okay, I'll accept a motion.
            MAYOR HAGEDORN:
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            MS. KLEKAMP: I need a motion to approve the
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    minutes.
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            MR. HOLTMEIER: I'll make a motion.
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            MR. WESSLES: Second.
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Motion by Holtmeier, second
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    by Wessels. I think we probably ought to have a roll
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    call vote.
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            MR. LAMB: You're just accepting it into the
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN:
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Any nays? No nays. It's in
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    the minutes.
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            MS. KLEKAMP: An ordinance granting a special
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    use permit to utilize 612 Riverview Place as a
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    vacation rental in the City of Washington, Franklin
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    County, Missouri.
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            MAYOR HAGEDORN: Patke. Introduced by Patke.
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    Go ahead, Sherri.
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            MS. KLEKAMP: An ordinance granting a Special
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    Use Permit to utilize 612 Riverview Place as a
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    vacation rental in the City of Washington, Franklin
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    County, Missouri.
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            MR. BEHR:
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            MS. KLEKAMP: Holtmeier?
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            MR. HOLTMEIER:
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            MS. KLEKAMP: Reed?
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            MR. REED: No.
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            MS. KLEKAMP: Patke?
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            MR. PATKE: Yes.
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            MS. KLEKAMP: Wessels?
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            MR. WESSLES: Aye.
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            MS. KLEKAMP: Coulter?
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            MR. COULTER: No.
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            MS. KLEKAMP: Hidritch?
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             MR. HIDRITCH: Nay.
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             MS. KLEKAMP: Briggs?
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             MR. BRIGGS: No.
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             MAYOR HAGEDORN: By vote, denied the Special
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    Use Permit.
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       /s/ Kim Wrocklage, CCR
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