

Unedited Transcript of the Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting - August 4, 2026

1 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:06:38.939 --> 00:06:57.719
Hey, how's it going? That early.

2 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:08:35.859 --> 00:08:47.969
Have you been involved at all and.

3 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:08:47.969 --> 00:09:05.729
Oh good. Yeah.

4 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:09:45.629 --> 00:10:01.619
What we've been talking about? Disagreement.

5 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:10:17.579 --> 00:10:38.899
I think so.

6 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:10:45.869 --> 00:11:02.759
If you.

7 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:11:02.759 --> 00:11:22.979
Okay, I think.

8 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:11:22.979 --> 00:11:42.569
Yeah, I mean, I I think.

9 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:12:15.629 --> 00:12:36.419
Hello again. Hey, good to see you kill you. Guarantee that. That's where that example.

10 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:12:36.419 --> 00:12:52.919
I don't see that.

11 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:12:52.919 --> 00:13:13.739
What's you do?

12 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)
00:13:13.739 --> 00:13:33.739
I'll reach out so I want to make sure I'll reach out. Thank you.

13 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:14:30.329 --> 00:14:48.869

Okay. Yeah, like, yeah.

14 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:15:04.979 --> 00:15:21.299

Does that remember was it what? I did two I did two it.

15 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:16:59.729 --> 00:17:16.979

I'm just like.

16 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:17:34.109 --> 00:17:51.899

Yeah. Thanks.

17 "Tammy" (3278128896)

00:19:15.829 --> 00:19:21.649

Sonny can you hear me?

18 "Benson, Stuart" (1355066112)

00:19:22.170 --> 00:19:24.730

Yes, I can hear you.

19 "Tammy" (3278128896)

00:19:24.730 --> 00:19:25.950

Thank you leave it.

20 "Harward, Sonya" (3807698688)

00:19:25.950 --> 00:19:29.052

Yeah, they just haven't started yet. Okay.

21 "Tammy" (3278128896)

00:19:29.052 --> 00:19:46.107

Just wanted to make sure so I wouldn't have any hiccups.

22 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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I mean it's been it's been.

23 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:20:37.799 --> 00:20:57.799

Oh, there we go.

24 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:21:40.619 --> 00:21:56.219

Right now at this point. No.

25 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:21:56.219 --> 00:22:14.519

Yeah.

26 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:22:14.519 --> 00:22:33.029

Metro TB will get started in 60 s.

27 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:23:53.339 --> 00:24:13.339

Okay, welcome to the regular scheduled meeting of the planning and zoning committee. It is 4 August 2026 and it's one oh 4pMI am the chair of the committee, Andrew Owen. I'm joined by my vice chair of virtually Scott Reed, also joined virtually by councilman.

28 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:24:13.339 --> 00:24:40.019

Councilwoman Raymond, Councilwoman Hawkind and Hawkkins, and I'm joined in chambers by Councilwoman Rui, councilman Hudson and councilman batch Shawn. Mark, you wanna read the, did I say reed? I if I did not say I was joined by my vice chair Reed, I will say it again. I'm join being joined virtually by my vice chair of Scott Reed.

29 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:24:40.019 --> 00:24:57.629

Oh, I'm sorry I also she's wearing a hat and so she's kind of incognito here in the on the on the on the chamber floor here. I'm also joined by my esteemed council woman colleague Shamika Perishreight.

30 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:24:57.629 --> 00:25:17.629

Thank you. I'm like, what? What? Cheryl, would you like to read the, the virtual notice into the record for us? Thank you. The 1st item on the agenda is item number one.

31 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:25:17.629 --> 00:25:45.869

Four-one 90 seven-26 an ordinance relating to the amendment to binding elements for property located at nine oh eight South English station road continuing approximately twelve and a half acres and being in Louis Metro, case number 26AME ND amendment o oh oh oh two can I get a motion properly moved and secondary. How are we doing? Good. Are you ready? Yes. All right. Julia Williams office of planning?

32 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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So this is 26 amend 0002 South English Station road. This is located in council district eleven at nine oh eight South English Station Road. This is the site.

33 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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This is the zoning map for the site, zone CM, commercial manufacturing. The request for is for an amendment to binding elements, the binding element, the current binding element states the only permitted C1C2M1 or CM use allowed on the property shall be mini storage and recreational.

34 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Vehicles and boat and landscape trailer parking. The applicant would like to add and short term rental of the existing north building on the site

until such time as the mini storage building is constructed to that binding element number 15.

35 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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This is the applicant's development plan, a view of the property from South English Station Road. The planning commission held their public hearing on June 1820 26 where there was a motion and recommend approval of the amendment to binding element passing by a vote of eight to zero.

36 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Are there any questions? Julia, let's see here. Should know this. This is eleven. Oh, this is So I have a, I have a note from Councilman Creamers LA. Let me find that real quick.

37 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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So one question council councilman crammer has is he, he would appreciate confirmation that temporarily means the short term rental use is permitted only during the construction period and that once the mini storage.

38 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Slash RV and both storage facility is operational, the short term rental use would NO longer be permitted under the binding elements. So the binding element says that it adds short term rental of the existing north building until such time as the mini storage building is constructed.

39 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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So when the constructed. Perfect, that's what they were looking for confirmation and yeah so that was Councilman Kramer's question. Anybody else have questions or concerns about this legislation before us? I don't have anybody else in the queue. Okay, Cheryl, can you open up the role call though?

40 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:28:32.668 --> 00:28:37.809

Vice chair Ree? Yes. Council member Raymond.

41 "Josie Raymond" (999976704)

00:28:37.809 --> 00:28:39.165

Yes.

42 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Council Member Benson? Yes. Chair, you have eight yes votes. Oh, this is amendment to binding elements. Can this going? Go to consent. Okay, so this is voted unanimously at eight zero, but we'll go on consent calendar.

43 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:28:58.189 --> 00:29:21.709

At the next metro council, on the next Metro council agenda. Okay I've been asked to move item number four forward. Item number four is o-one 30 five-26 and ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on rezoning conditional use permits and plans certain category two B and three development plan applications relating.

44 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:29:21.709 --> 00:29:45.319

The telecommunications hotels and data centers, pretending a pending a review and recommended changes by the planning commission. We have to get a recommendation to untable. Return to the table. Would somebody like to recommend recommend that we. I do. The councilwoman really recommends we return it to the table. Do we need a second for that?

45 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:29:45.319 --> 00:30:09.989

Second. Okay, that is seconded about Councilwoman Parish right. And we can do a voice vote on that. All those in favors say I, all those opposed, the guys have it, so this item is before us. I don't need to read it into the record again, I would assumed since I already jumped the gun. I will just say as I turned to my right that we were being joined by the sponsor of this council Woman Chapel.

46 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:30:09.989 --> 00:30:29.989

Right on time. That was perfect. We just, we just read it into the record so that's right on time. Ok, so this has been tabled, so councilman Hudson I have you in the queue. Thank you mr. Chair. In looking through, through this.

47 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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It's it seems like whereas number four NO longer applies, so I would move to strike, whereas number four in the ordinance.

48 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Laura, would you like to, to respond to? Yeah Laura Ferguson, assistant County attorney. I would say four could be modified because the recommendations have not yet been received from planning commission. That fact is still true. Right now we're in the process of holding the public hearings for the public to comment, so if, if it wanted to be changed at public hearings are currently being held.

49 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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We could tweak that. Yeah, just strike from, the last half of that. You, you just wanna have it be whereas the council still has not received any recommendations from the planning commission and end there?

50 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:31:24.989 --> 00:31:44.989

I, I don't know if I completely agree with that and that we have received them, it's just they're not finalized yet, but I'm fine with just striking the last half. And if it helps I think the difference is planning staff has put out a proposed recommended changes that are getting public comments, but the planning commission itself has a.

51 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:31:44.989 --> 00:32:10.709

Body hasn't made a recommendation. Fair fair point. So we can just strike 2nd half of that sentence. So so you made that in the form of a motion?

Yes. Can I get a second to that motion? That motion is moved and seconded. Can I have councilwoman Paris right in the queue. Did you want to speak to the amendment or did you want to speak to the legislation as a whole?

52 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:32:10.709 --> 00:32:30.709

The legislation as a whole, I didn't have anything on this motion. Any, any comments on the amendment Councilwoman Chappel since it's your legislation are your tongue on that one? Sure, I I'm completely amendable to it. I'm just wondering if that part that we're slashing nor has the public meeting been held for public comment?

53 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:32:30.709 --> 00:32:55.939

Public to comment on and suggest potential changes. Should we mention that it is currently underway at the time that we are passing this resolution, this more into I'm sorry? It doesn't hurt, I don't think it hurts to update the legislation as much as we can of two right now. I like it for record keeping and whenever I think that I've done something smart as it pertains to writing.

54 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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The lawyers always say eh, so could I get their opinion on mentioning that we're currently under, you know, county attorneys? Yeah. I think you're good either way, you can the fact is you've not received a recommendation from the planning commission, but if you wanted to put that the public hearings are currently underway, that doesn't hurt anything to add. That that's more a preference I think than a legal.

55 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:33:22.379 --> 00:33:41.369

Question. How's about and how public meetings are currently underway. Do we need to amend like should we mention that they're from the planning department?

56 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Considering the planning department's recommended recommendations, not recommended recommendations. Right, so you could do as a second amendment that gets merged together is you could put language that said, and public hearings are currently being held by the planning commission on the office of plannings.

57 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:34:01.369 --> 00:34:22.729

Perfect, thank you. I had more time, I would have written that out, but it was hard to do it on the fly. Forgive me. Are you making that you can't do that as a motion. Can someone emotion make a motion if they are interested in doing so, that's on the committee? I'll make that motion. Council one perish right moves that. Can we get a second? No, but does that.

58 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Moved Moved and seconded all those in favor of that second motion, please say hi. Bye. Hi. All those posed? You guys haven't. Okay, so Councilwoman perish Shright on the legislation as a whole. Okay, thank you. I'll keep it quick. I think this is a good move forward. I.

59 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Understand that this is a controversial issue for all of us, but this is something that is by partison countywide that many constituents are speaking about. So I had every intention to come in here and do this. The last time we met, I was following the lead of councilwoman chapel and didn't and wasn't sure what we should do next, but this shows.

60 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Knows the work of this body. Thanks. Thank you. I don't think I have anybody else in the queue. Any, oh council I'm sorry Councilman Hawkins.

61 "Tammy" (3278128896)

00:35:12.947 --> 00:35:45.259

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I am honored to be a sponsor. I want to say shout out to my colleague, to my colleagues. Jennifer Chapo and Shamika part's right. You know, just to be able to put parameters around data centers moving forward. I didn't get the opportunity for the data center, that was in my district, so many people was misinformed, you know, saying that we had a closed session.

62 "Tammy" (3278128896)

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Talking about the data center of Camp ground Road, and I just kind of wanted to go on the record just to say that, you know, I support this moratorium and that I am a sponsor and I'm just glad that I was able to get in on the front end of this because.

63 "Tammy" (3278128896)

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The data center that was placed in my district, you know, I missed the book. So I just wanted to make sure that that was on the record and, just say thanks for all the hard work that was put into this and I am looking forward to supporting this all the way. Thank you.

64 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:36:23.791 --> 00:36:39.403

Thank you Councilman Hawkins in all fairness, you didn't really miss the boat. The the there were NO regulations in place that would have stopped that data center from moving forward because it was zoned correctly for that use. So I don't sell yourself short.

65 "Tammy" (3278128896)

00:36:39.403 --> 00:36:59.629

Yeah. Well, I know so many people have been misinformed as far as this data center, so many things were said, said that, you know, I was in closed session and and I'm like, No, I didn't, I didn't get an opportunity to do anything. It was already zoned. So just, you know, giving people.

66 "Tammy" (3278128896)

00:36:59.629 --> 00:37:15.348

Knowledge this listening that it wasn't something that I was involved in. It was something that was already in place and today I get the opportunity to be a sponsor, so hopefully that won't happen again. Thank you. Thank you, council.

67 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Roman Awkins Councilman Benson.

68 "Benson, Stuart" (1355066112)

00:37:17.161 --> 00:37:34.939

Thank you mr. chair. I'll probably be the only one but I'm gonna know, to me when I listen to all the things I understand about data center, I think the school system is gonna get \$40 million more and PRP fire department's gonna get 16 million.

69 "Benson, Stuart" (1355066112)

00:37:34.939 --> 00:37:54.449

You know, we already have data centers ever ever since we've had the internet, you know, they gotta store the information somewhere and and I don't, and and they went back through planning and zoning, the, we already had things that are zoned for possibility of zoning, I mean a data center. And so.

70 "Benson, Stuart" (1355066112)

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I don't really see the, what everybody's talking about being negative. You know, they bring revenue in and and one of the things, if you know anything about electricity, when you make it, if somebody doesn't use it, it's lost. And one thing about the data center, they're gonna have to make their own energy.

71 "Benson, Stuart" (1355066112)

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And they're gonna make more electricity than they need, which means it has to go into our system. And that means we have cheaper electricity because we didn't make it, they made it. And so to me, I, I just cannot

see that this is a bad thing, but I'm not the smartest person in the, in the government. I mean for last hundred years we.

72 "Benson, Stuart" (1355066112)

00:38:34.010 --> 00:39:10.966

Been regressive on on an ongoing to make a better city because we don't want it to be a bigger city. And so maybe this is part of that making, you know, if they want to be a data center, maybe you ought to go, you know, out of the county. But I see it's a positive for us for tax bases and I don't know what kind of problems they caused other than they don't have a lot of people coming and going, they're just taking day in and day it out. So this is for me I'm I just don't see it. So I'm I'm a NO. Thank you.

73 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:39:10.966 --> 00:39:20.832

Thank you. I don't have anyone else in the queue. Anyone else have any questions or comments on this item?

74 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:39:20.832 --> 00:39:41.630

Yeah, Councilwoman Chapel. I just want to say the definition I think of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. And I think today we're gonna get a little more sane on this council because I'm really hoping that my.

75 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:39:41.630 --> 00:39:57.529

Colleagues can come through and vote this through. Thank you. Thank you. Anyone else? Okay Cheryl, if you'll open up the roll call though, please. Vice Cherry.

76 "Scott Reed" (2133490176)

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Yes.

77 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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How's the memory Royman?

78 "Josie Raymond" (999976704)

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Yes. Council member Vincenton.

79 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Okay, with one note vote, this will go to old business on the next council agenda. Okay, next item on the agenda is item number 20-198-26 an ordinance relating to the closure of an unnamed alley near the intersection of west Breakenrid Street and Southeast Street containing approximately 5500 sq ft being in Louisvil Metro case number 26 STR closure street closure 0010. Can I get a motion? Motion.

80 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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And second day Julia? Yes, this is 26th street closure 0010. This is for an alley off of 8th Street in Council district six. This is an aerial aerial view of the alley to be closed.

81 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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As you can see a portion of it is off 8th Street and a portion of it is off West Brickenridge Street. This is the zoning map for the site. You can see that area is all zoned M two. The request is for a closure of public right of way.

82 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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The closure encompasses about 5500 sq ft. This is the subject property along 8th street, and the subject property along breckenrid, West Brookenridge Street.

83 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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This is the plat showing the area to be closed the development review committee held their meeting on 17 June 2026. The planning commission held their public hearing on 16 July 2026, where there was a motion or recommend approval of the street closure passing by a vote of ten to zero. Are there any questions?

84 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:42:02.163 --> 00:42:32.990

Thank you Julia. This is in Council District six and unless I missed something, I don't think Council district councilman Lineager has weighed in on this one. Has anyone else heard from councilman Lineager on this? Okay. Generally speaking, these street closures are are not oh councilman Reed. Oh, thank you Mr. I thought I missed I thought I missed your you in the queue and you were wanting to speak to this. I get it.

85 "Scott Reed" (2133490176)

00:42:32.990 --> 00:43:01.428

Very very quickly, I'm a little I'm a little confused. I thought that these were going to go straight into, consent because of the rules changes that we passed several months ago that stated unanimous vote on from the planning commission on alley closures and things like that didn't come to us. So evidently I'm getting this wrong, so could the county attorney clarify that for me, please?

86 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:43:01.428 --> 00:43:18.187

So that change applies to zoning recommendations. It doesn't apply to other things such as revised development plans or street closures. Those all will still go to council automatically, whether it's a unanimous vote by planning commission or not.

87 "Scott Reed" (2133490176)

00:43:18.187 --> 00:43:25.663

Okay, I might suggest down the road taking a look at that as well. Just proof for thought. Thank you.

88 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:43:25.663 --> 00:43:48.570

I don't disagree councilman Reed. In one on one hand, they tend to be non non things that people aren't too too worried about, and so we move them through pretty quickly. On the other hand, for the same reason, we may not need to see them at all. So I I don't disagree that it might be something that we need to discuss going forward. Let's see. Anyone, do I have anybody else?

89 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:43:48.570 --> 00:44:03.229

I don't have anybody else in the queue, any other questions or concerns about this before we this is an ordinance, so we need to open for the roll call then. When it's open.

90 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Bye Sherie. Yes. Councilman woman who Ryan.

91 "Josie Raymond" (999976704)

00:44:09.950 --> 00:44:11.628

Yes.

92 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:44:11.628 --> 00:44:26.750

Yes. Vince closing, sure you have eight yes, folks. This was unanimously approved, but can this three closure go in consent? I I always get that. Okay, so this will move forward to the next council.

93 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:44:26.750 --> 00:44:49.010

Agenda on the consent calendar, the unanimous vote. Next item is item number 30-199-26 an ordinance relating to the closure of Mermaid lane containing approximately 1.165 acres in being in local metro. Case number 26 street closure O oh oh one seven connecticut emotion. Julia. Yeah.

94 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:44:49.010 --> 00:45:15.150

So I apologize I don't believe you got this presentation ahead of time. This is for mermaid lane right of way closure, the request is for a closure of public right of way. The applicant is requesting the closure. It's perpendicular to Collins lane adjacent to some Ford properties it received all preliminary approval.

95 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:45:15.150 --> 00:45:35.150

This is the aerial view or the zoning map of the property, where you can see the outlined in red was where the alley is located. The aerial view of the property, what the subject property looks like along column.

96 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:45:35.150 --> 00:45:53.550

Again along Collins Lane, Mermaid lane. This is the closure plot showing the length of Mermaid lane. So the.

97 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

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Required to action, was approved by the planning commission with a, I don't remember how many are there, but I believe it was ten to ten to zero. Are there any questions?

98 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:46:13.550 --> 00:46:46.332

Team, which is Councilman Winkler. Yeah, councilman Winkler. I don't have the documentation in front of me, but I feel confident that I received notice from his office that they were in support of this street closure. I don't have anybody else. Anybody else have any questions or concerns about this before we open the roll call note? Okay. Vice Cherry? Yes. Council member Raymond.

99 "Josie Raymond" (999976704)

00:46:46.332 --> 00:46:48.782

Yes.

100 "Benson, Stuart" (1355066112)

00:46:48.782 --> 00:46:50.823

Yes.

101 "Harward, Sonya" (2481985024)

00:46:50.823 --> 00:47:11.828

When it's Closen cherry had 80 S votes. This is passive with the unanimous vote and we'll go to consent calendar on the next Metro council agenda. Anybody else have anything good for the committee before we adjourn without hearing any other items on the agenda? We are adjourned. Thank you very much. Thank you.