[Speaker 1] (0:00 - 0:13)
Call the city. Oops, I guess I better turn that on. That is on.

It was? Yeah. Move it closer.

Yeah. Testing.

[Speaker 2] (0:13 - 0:17)
Yeah. I heard a holler from the back room.

[Speaker 1] (0:18 - 0:25)
Did you hear the hold on for a minute? Something like that. Energizer buddy.

Energizer buddy. We can't do the moratorium because we need...

[Speaker 13] (0:26 - 0:27)
Just a few.

[Speaker 12] (0:40 - 0:42)
Testing. Okay, there we go.

[Speaker 1] (0:42 - 0:43)
Is that better?

[Speaker 12] (0:43 - 0:43)
Right?

[Speaker 1] (0:44 - 0:57)
Okay, right. All right, we're going to start this again. We'll make it official.

I'd like to call the city council meeting for October 18th, 2016 to order and ask everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance with me.

[Speaker 12] (0:58 - 1:16)
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Roll call of the council.

[Speaker 1] (1:19 - 2:38)
Get roll call of the council and make a note that we are... Vice Mayor Jim Diaz and Councilman Dave Shuey are not here tonight and they gave us reasons why they could not be here. So it is okay.

They have an accepted excuse. We'll go that way. Okay, so we have a consent calendar for

approval.

Can I get a motion to... Move to approval. Second.

All in favor? Aye. Aye.

Any opposed? Nope. Love when that happens.

Okay, so we're going to go to recognitions and presentations, which is probably my favorite part of any of the meetings, especially these meetings, where we get all the audience to come out here and we think we've got something really important to talk about tonight and all it is is we're going to talk about your kids, which is pretty important to me. So at that point, I'd like to call... So Mrs. Hawko?

Is she here? Did I get that right? Yes, Hawko.

Hawko. Man, it was close. I didn't know, okay?

And we're going to have you introduce your two students, okay, and tell us a little bit something about them.

[Speaker 11] (2:39 - 3:39)
Okay. I wasn't expecting to be first up, but my students are awesome. My students are awesome, and they really deserve this recognition, so I'm happy to have them be first up.

I have two very responsible first-grade students, and really they have been showing every single one of the life skills, and they just do the right thing because it's the right thing to do. I am so grateful to have both these students in my class because they are role models for other students, so when we need to know what it looks like to be responsible, we can always look to these two boys. So I'd like to announce Preston Marks for the award of Responsibility.

And then I'd also like to announce Brady Bohorsky for Responsibility.

[Speaker 13] (3:47 - 3:48)
There you go.

[Speaker 1] (3:49 - 4:38)
So what I would like to do is, I'd like to, we're going to do this one at a time, okay? We're going to honor you with a Certificate of Recognition and honoring Preston Marks for doing the right thing at Mount Diablo Elementary School for exemplifying great responsibility for the months of August and September 2016. So I want to thank you for all that you do.

And we're going to give you a Certificate of Recognition honoring Bradley Bohorsky for doing

the right thing at Mount Diablo Elementary School by exemplifying great responsibility for the months of August and September 2016.

[Speaker 12] (4:39 - 4:48)
So congratulations. I can guarantee you two things.

[Speaker 1] (4:48 - 5:12)
One is, you know, that when you go home, you'll probably get an extra ice cream for this, but the other thing is that, right, okay? The other thing is that when you do the right thing, you will find that life will just be falling over and you'll have everything that you want to do in life and you're going to just do great. So just keep doing the right thing.

Okay, guys? Okay. Give me a big round of applause.

[Speaker 13] (5:13 - 5:16)
Give me a big round of applause for the teacher.

[Speaker 1] (5:16 - 5:31)
The teacher, okay? Thank you so much. And from Diablo Valley Middle School, I think we have one of the teachers or the principal here to talk about that.

[Speaker 12] (5:32 - 5:40)
Patty Bannister. She's always here. Patty is down below here.

[Speaker 1] (5:40 - 5:49)
Why do I always see that? Right? I don't know why.

I just can't get it right. You know what? Meet me up here one more time.

Okay, so I'm going to give you the microphone because you do it better than her.

[Speaker 6] (5:50 - 8:48)
Can I have Timmy and Kelly come up? Applause We want to bring Timmy and Kelly to the City Council to be recognized for responsibility. So these two young students I get to see every day.

They are our office TAs. Timmy is there in the morning and Kelly is there at the end of the day. Those are important periods because Timmy's got to get the day started out right for us all and Kelly needs to finish it up.

Both of these students are so totally responsible that it wasn't hard to choose either of them. In talking to some of their teachers, some of the things they said about Timmy was he certainly, and actually all the things that they said about Timmy we can also relate to Kelly. One of the themes we have at school is grit and gratitude.

I can say first that I'm so thankful to have such outstanding young students at Diablo View. Timmy certainly demonstrates grit and responsibility. He's always on time for school and he has to check in kids coming in late and he always has a smile on his face.

He has a great personality. He's always willing to help others. One of his teachers said, when you're responsible you take care of yourself as well as others.

I see that with Timmy. Like I said, he always has a smile on his face. He has to put up with the office because first period is homeroom and so we always have to make sure that Timmy is dressing up on Spirit Day or he'll be in trouble with all our office staff.

So he's a great addition to the office staff. Now Kelly comes to us seventh period. She demonstrates grit and responsibility as well.

She's an extremely hard worker. I might say both of them academically are very high achievers too. But she's always responsible, doing the right thing.

Again, willing to help others. One of her teachers says one thing that remarks Kelly is that she's constantly thinking ahead. What can I be doing?

How can I help somebody? So she'll come off and come by and say anything you need me to do Mrs. Bannister? So another teacher said she can always count on Kelly and that she's their go-to girl.

So Kelly then you give her responsibility and she takes care of it without ever asking her again. So these are two outstanding young students from Diablo View.

[Speaker 12] (8:56 - 9:03)
And we have two outstanding students. We also have an outstanding principal and I think she deserves a hand too.

[Speaker 1] (9:08 - 10:14)
So I'd like to give Certificates of Recognition. The first one to Kelly Hinsoglu for doing the right thing at Diablo View Middle School by exemplifying great responsibility in the months of August and September 2016. And I know we'll see you again at the high school level.

Applause And we're going to give a Certificate of Recognition for doing the right thing at Diablo View Middle School by exemplifying great responsibility in the months of August and September 2016. And I know we'll see you again in a couple of years at the high school level. And parents, this is the time to really be proud and take some pictures.

Applause And we have the other two students from Mount Diablo Elementary. Do you want the

teachers too up there? Just the students.

Can we have them come back? Two students.

[Speaker 2] (10:15 - 10:17)
Bring their certificates.

[Speaker 1] (10:18 - 10:24)
Bring your certificates please. We don't have anyone from Clayton. I'm from Clayton Valley today.

[Speaker 2] (10:26 - 10:38)
Laughter We're going to send him back pretty soon. Inaudible Make sure the white side is up.

[Speaker 13] (10:40 - 10:59)
Inaudible Laughter Laughter Applause This is the funnest time of what we do.

[Speaker 1] (11:00 - 11:42)
We've been doing this program for quite a few years now. And more important, not only do we have students that are doing the right thing, but the unique thing that we didn't tell you about is because when they get home, they're making sure their parents are doing the right thing also. So we get a double count on those things.

So that's a good idea. Okay, so we're going to move right along. I want to thank all the parents and grandparents and teachers that came here tonight.

And we're going to give you about two minutes, 30 seconds to get out of the room. Laughter Inaudible Nice try.

[Speaker 5] (11:42 - 11:47)
Laughter There's a game on.

[Speaker 1] (11:51 - 12:30)
Inaudible Inaudible Inaudible Inaudible Inaudible So right now, before we do our reports, I'm going to say I see Alan Lampa in the audience here. And Alan is running for City Council. And if you want, you've got two minutes at the mic, Alan, to tell us a little bit about yourself.

[Speaker 7] (12:33 - 14:46)
Thank you, Howard. And thank you for having me here again tonight. During the past few City Council meetings, I have gone through my background qualifications for office for City Council.

Now I'd like to discuss my goals and reasons for running. As I have said before, I have volunteered a lot in this city, but I want to do more for our community. For one thing, with my

background of running nightclubs such as Abernathy's and Walnut Creek, I would like to bring my expertise to helping with concerts in the park, something that you have done a great job with.

I have hired top bands in the past and could really be an asset to one of our city's bigger activities. Along the same lines, I would like to follow up on, again, another Howard Geller idea. I love your idea of adding more bathrooms downtown.

If I can help with any of the research or anything, please get me involved. I think this is a wonderful idea instead of renting porta-potties every month because between the Art and Wine Festival, the Oktoberfest, Fourth of July Parade, Memorial Day, Derby Day, barbecue contests, multiple concerts, we're doing at least 15 activities downtown and needing to rent porta-potties. Let's have more permanent ones.

Next, I'm a member of both Mount Diablo Interpretive Association and the Regional Parks Foundation. I would like to work with them and organize an Arbor Day celebration. We could also involve the local schools in this.

I have also been talking with the Contra Costa Association of Realtors and would like to involve them to go over some of my ideas and investigate other possibilities for the development of downtown. I know that this has been a priority for the past eight years. I know that something is in the works, but I would love to be involved in this and I think also the Contra Costa Association of Realtors could chip in with ideas.

I'd love to do that. I have many more ideas, some including the park system and Mount Diablo. I think it is time for a fresh perspective on the council with new ideas and a new pool of possible volunteers to contribute to our town.

That's me. Fresh ideas, new person. So, thank you for your time.

Thank you very much.

[Speaker 1] (14:50 - 15:00)
Julie Pierce is incumbent running for City Council. Can you tell us a little bit about yourself? Because we don't know you.

[Speaker 2] (15:00 - 15:07)
Well, I think, in fairness, I'm going to pass because I do have my council report to give and that gives you a lot of ideas about where I am.

[Speaker 1] (15:08 - 15:43)
And Jim Diaz, our Vice Mayor, is also running for a re-election on here. Jim Diaz had another meeting in Southern California and couldn't be here. And we have our fourth candidate, Tuya

Catalano, is not here and she's on the Planning Commission.

With that, we're going to move on to our next item. Report to Planning Commission. There was no meeting, so there will be no report.

Trails and landscaping, we had no meeting, so there's no report. City Manager and Staff.

[Speaker 5] (15:44 - 16:12)
Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the council. For those that might be interested, the Dodgers are ahead four to zero. I know I'm in Northern California, but I was born in Southern California.

So just to give you an idea where my allegiance might be, bring it on. And then let me know what time the Giants are playing or not. Come on, that's all in fun.

I don't have any reports. Did we ever go Cubs over here?

[Speaker 2] (16:14 - 16:18)
We lost to them, they might as well take over, right? Anybody but the Dodgers, right?

[Speaker 5] (16:18 - 16:27)
Yeah, I'll buy that. I'd like to, for my report, Mr. Mayor, introduce our Police Chief, Chris Wenzel, who has a couple of items.

[Speaker 2] (16:28 - 16:30)
No, this is good.

[Speaker 8] (16:36 - 18:00)
Thank you, City Manager, Mayor, Council, Staff. I don't get this opportunity very often, but now I get to introduce one of our newest officers, Ashley Wright. Ashley is from the area.

She went to Benicia High School, graduated there. Not only did she graduate there, but got a Fulbright Scholarship in softball, went to New Mexico State University, where she graduated there with a criminal justice degree. After that, she traveled a bit, went into working retail, and decided, nah, I don't think that's what I want to do, so she got into law enforcement.

And in 2014, was hired by the Walnut Creek Police Department. Was there for a little bit, and said, nah, I don't really want to be there, I want to come to Clayton. She found out I was the Chief here, and so she came right over.

I heard it was because of the Mayor. So she came to Clayton. Last December got married to her husband, Robert, who is also a police officer, works for BART.

They have been together. They have three children, an eight-year-old boy named Michael, two

twin girls named Peyton and Emma, both four years old. I'd like to introduce to you Ashley Wright.

[Speaker 15] (18:09 - 18:26)
I just want to say thank you for the opportunity. I'm excited to be part of such a great community. I really enjoy Clayton so far.

I felt very warmly welcomed here, and I can't thank you enough for everything so far. And I look forward to doing my part to maintain the high quality of life here in Clayton. So thank you.

[Speaker 1] (18:26 - 18:27)
Thank you so much.

[Speaker 2] (18:29 - 18:58)
While they're taking pictures, I'd just like to say that Ashley's off to a great start. I've already heard some wonderful reports where she's had some great community interactions, especially with some of our young people and children, and helping to reassure them that our police officers are the good guys. And that's really wonderful to hear.

We hear so much negative, and she's already contributing lots of positives, so that's fabulous.

[Speaker 13] (19:05 - 19:05)
Thank you.

[Speaker 8] (19:16 - 20:27)
So last Thursday, in the city manager report, we had a program working with the homeless in the area and other groups, Project Hope, out at the Antioch Fairgrounds. So I made a phone call in, got to what happened, how did it work out. We do have some Clayton residents, so to speak, people that have certain needs, and wanted to find out what we could do.

They were out in our area, and there was about five or six from the Clayton area that actually went out and drove to Concord, to the homeless shelter where they were transported out to the fairgrounds. It was a good success. They're going to stay with it.

They're going to try to go 24 7 to work with the homeless in this area, and they're going to try to work in their sphere of influence to be at a location at the Safeway Clayton Station at certain times so there is a certain need for our homeless that they can provide that help. Each one of the officers have phone numbers to provide to get that connection. Sometimes can be difficult, but we're going to do our part to help out those individuals.

Wonderful. That's wonderful.

[Speaker 2] (20:27 - 20:28)

Thank you.

[Speaker 1] (20:35 - 20:40)
City Manager's report. I'm not letting you get off the hook that way. Come on now.

[Speaker 5] (20:40 - 20:42)
Did you want an update on the Dodger game?

[Speaker 1] (20:44 - 20:51)
That's it. That's it. Nothing.

Okay. City Council reports. We'll do with Julie first.

[Speaker 2] (20:52 - 24:10)
All right. It's been a relatively busy couple of weeks. In addition to many campaign activities for different measures that I'm involved with, I also attended the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee meeting.

We're starting to talk and work on an infrastructure district for the Bay Area, which will help us get federal grants for cities and other agencies in the Bay Area. And once we have an economic development district for the Bay Area, this will really facilitate us getting additional monies for things like resiliency and earthquake preparedness and those kinds of things. So we've been working on that plan, meeting every couple of weeks on that.

Also had a Contra Costa Transportation Authority meeting where I am a commissioner, worked on the Administration and Projects Committee where we approved a couple of bids for the Balfour Interchange and they came in below the engineer's estimate. We had extended the deadline because so many contractors wanted to bid on that particular project that we extended the deadline by a month and we got wonderful bids. And in the meantime, through some of the campaign events, I've talked to some of our contractors that work on our transportation projects in the county and they say the Contra Costa Transportation Authority is a preferred employer because we're fair, we're tough, but we're fair and we pay fast.

So they like working for us and so we get really special prices from them and it's a good partnership. And that's always good to hear when you're a public agency. Also had six meetings of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission approving various projects and contracts.

Had a meeting of TRANSPAC, which is our Central County Transportation Committee encompassing the five central county cities and the county. We held interviews, finally, for a replacement executive director. We've been without an executive director now for well over a year and a half and we held interviews for a replacement for that position and we have two finalists that we are going to interview next week.

So we had oh, the other fun thing was the Keller Ranch Monument dedication. The Clayton Historical Society sponsored that. We raised the money for it and we dedicated that plaque last Saturday and it was just a fabulous afternoon.

We had a great time. One of the former residents of the area who used to play on those grounds, 98 years old, was there for the dedication and got to tell us some stories about what it was like back when it was in use. Also filled in for the executive director of the Mayor's Conference at the meeting last week in Martinez.

That's it.

[Speaker 4] (24:12 - 25:51)
It seems like the time has flown since our last council meeting. I wasn't quite as busy as Julie. Julie does a great job representing Clayton on a number of different functions as you heard tonight and that was just a tip of the iceberg on things that Julie does to serve our community well.

I did also attend the Mayor's Conference in Martinez. I had a very interesting talk from John King, a San Francisco Chronicle columnist who compared San Francisco with Contra Costa County and just reinforced the value and benefit we have of living in Contra Costa County and able to take advantage of the benefits of a large city and yet still retain the small town feel we have, particularly here in Clayton. So we enjoyed that.

The representatives from Clayton attended that meeting for sure. And then on Saturday I had the honor of participating in the Quilts of Honor bocce tournament. And the Quilts of Honor is an organization that actually puts together quilts and hands them out to veterans in the area to honor their service and really honors those who have served in combat zones.

So an excellent organization and always a surprise to the recipients of the quilts who are often lured under false pretenses to attend, as Howard and I were. But also a fundraiser for the Quilts of Honor group themselves. So a very worthwhile event.

And that closed out last weekend and the weekend before I was out of town on a nice camping trip with my son. So that took up my time since our last meeting.

[Speaker 2] (25:52 - 25:55)
Congratulations on the quilts, you guys. Well deserved.

[Speaker 4] (25:55 - 25:55)
Thank you.

[Speaker 1] (25:56 - 27:53)
Just real brief, I also attended the Mayor's Conference in Martinez and also was one of the

honorees at the Quilts of Honor bocce tournament. It's an awesome group and they're going around to honor all the veterans that came back safe, but also were all in combat or in multiple theaters over several years. So it's a really nice thing to do.

We're always honoring the dead. It's nice to honor the alive once in a while. And especially, most of them were Vietnam vets that nobody's ever really honored.

So that's really a nice thing. So very nice event. And Keith forgot to say there was a bocce tournament involved and our team did take third place and we did beat the Clayton Club for fourth.

So that was that. So we're going to close public comment over here and city council reports. And I see I did skip what you had on here for presentation at the meeting.

Hey, come on, we just changed it up a little bit. So at this point we have time for public comment and anyone in the public gets a chance to speak on a non-agended item. So we got lots of people in the audience and nobody wants to talk.

So with that being said, we're going to close the public comment part and we're going to go to our public hearings. And we do not have a public hearing. So we're going to close public hearings and we're going to go to our action items.

First action item is to consider the adoption of an interim urgency ordinance number 469, placing a local moratorium on the operation of establishment of parole homes and community supervision programs within the city of Clayton. And with that, we're going to take that over to our communities director, Mindy Gentry.

[Speaker 14] (27:54 - 28:10)
Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and council staff is actually recommending continuance of this item. It requires a fourth, fifth, fourth, fifth vote of the council and considering there's two absences tonight request to continue into the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

[Speaker 1] (28:14 - 28:18)
Does anyone have an objection to that? We have no problem.

[Speaker 5] (28:19 - 28:31)
So let's continue that to our next meeting. If anyone came tonight who wanted to speak, you should probably allow them to speak in the event they couldn't make it to the next meeting. But it's a four, fifth vote as she indicated, but with a minimum of four.

[Speaker 1] (28:32 - 30:30)
And does anyone come here? I can open up public comment if you came to speak on that item. And if not, we invite you to come back at our next public meeting.

So we're going to go to item number B. Should we skip item number B? No, I better stay with item number B.

Consider a request by the Clayton Valley Gardening Club for the use of city owned real property at the Keller Ranch House site for a home base where it could grow plants, store supplies, hold propagation and potting parties and community workshop as community service in conjunction with its plant sales. So I'm the lead on this thing here and we're going to talk a little bit. We had a chance, Linda Cruz came up to me and I had a chance to go to Gloria Utley's house at one point to pick up some plants and there they had this big hoop kind of tent sitting in Gloria's private property, which she is allowed and they had hundreds of potted plants there.

And soon after, I was able to secure for them another covered structure that would help them, which was donated from the Clayton Children's Center, which is also another commercial kind of structure. And I think when Gloria saw this other huge structure coming out, she says, whoa, this is getting a little out of hand. But this is a group that has been around for quite a long time.

We have quite a few members. I think they're almost 100 members strong or something like that. Almost 100 members strong.

So it's a very community-minded group. They grow plants. You know what?

Instead of me telling you about them, I'm going to ask Linda to come up and she can tell us all about what you do and if you are the spokesman and you've got a whole choir behind you and they can go, ah man, there's something behind you, whatever.

[Speaker 3] (30:33 - 30:35)
I did bring insurance information.

[Speaker 1] (30:35 - 30:43)
We already have that information. Do you want a copy of that in front of you? We already have that in our packet.

[Speaker 3] (30:45 - 30:56)
I forgot to put in the packet. I have a listing of our programs if you're interested. I forgot to put it in the packet.

[Speaker 1] (30:56 - 30:59)
Just tell us about you and you can tell us some of the programs.

[Speaker 3] (31:01 - 35:43)
We began in 1997 as a 5013C non-profit organization. We have 98 members and we are growing. We keep growing.

We are a Blue Ribbon Club. We are a Blue Ribbon Club. Members of the Diablo Foothills District of the California Garden Clubs Incorporated and the National Garden Club.

Our members are Concord and Clayton residents. Anyone is welcome. If it was Pittsburgh Walnut Creek, they would be welcome too.

We are very productive. We've won many awards. Our objective is to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening to promote conservation of natural resources and to aid in civic beautification, education of the community, and our members.

Each year we raise funds by holding a plant sale. The funds enable us to operate our organization, obtain educational speakers, and to assist with community projects, including the local schools. For the past several years, plants are being propagated and held in our members' yards.

A couple of members have had over a thousand plants at a time in their Concord and Clayton backyards. And one member, a dirt pile for potting in her Clayton driveway. And I don't think the neighbors like that much.

And I provided a packet to the council members so they have more information. The membership, our Clayton Valley Garden Club membership voted to ask the City of Clayton for consideration of public property for use as a home base. We were specifically thinking of the Keller Ranch site, where we could raise plants, store plants, hold propagation and potting parties, and provide community workshops as a community service in conjunction with our plant sales.

If it were possible to have a public property, it's feasible we could have more than one plant sale per year. For an example, the spring, summer, and fall, or maybe in conjunction with the Creekside Arts Festival, something like that. The cities of Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Antioch, and many others throughout California have provided public property for educational garden club organizations.

For an example, Markham Arboretum, Rogers Ranch, and the gardens at Heather Farm. Clayton could have its own smaller version similar to these wonderful learning facilities. The benefits to the City of Clayton I think I put more in your packet than I wrote here, but community beautification around the area.

We did sheet mulching and that kept the weeds away from all of the work that we do. So we keep the weeds down. Encourage interest and support in the surrounding communities for the future possible cultural center idea that I've heard about at Keller Ranch.

Possibly a foundation to restore the historical Keller Ranch house site, such as I just went to the

Stonehouse, Marsh Stonehouse, and they have a wonderful historical trust. I've been going for the three years that they celebrate each year. This is their third year.

And they're just really making progress and it's a much bigger project than Keller Ranch, I would think would be. Long-term possibilities, maybe we could rehabilitate Elodia Keller Ranch Garden. Plants are all grown above the ground in pots.

There would be no digging up of the historical site. There's no anticipated expense for the City of Clayton. Clayton Valley Garden Club does have insurance for their events through the California Garden Clubs Incorporated and I provided a copy.

Awareness benefits. Awareness and education of plants, conservation, how to live with wildlife in our area, how to help our environment are some of the topics I was thinking of. Clayton Valley Garden Club members hope the City of Clayton will consider this proposal.

If Clayton Council members are interested in the proposal, we realize there's much more research and planning to do before it becomes a reality and thank you for your consideration.

[Speaker 1] (35:45 - 35:52)
Do we have any questions up here? We're going to go to comments afterwards.

[Speaker 4] (35:52 - 36:06)
Just a quick question. You indicated the plants that you're anticipating growing there would not be planted in the ground, would be in pots and planter boxes I would imagine something like that above ground that could be maintained.

[Speaker 1] (36:08 - 36:10)
So question.

[Speaker 2] (36:11 - 36:39)
I think for clarification, there is no available water source over there right now and so that would have to be provided in some manner. I don't know whether you plan to continue to truck in water or not, but this could get to be a pretty onerous obligation and I'm not sure that you've got volunteers willing to do that.

[Speaker 3] (36:39 - 36:55)
We're doing that day in and day out. We are doing that now, but I did hear there was a water source at Keller Ranch. I don't know if that's correct, but I thought possibly if there is, maybe we could meter it.

[Speaker 2] (36:56 - 37:17)
A water meter costs somewhere around $30,000, just FYI. A little bit higher than that usually. There are a lot of expenses involved in what you're talking about.

I'm wondering what you've thought about for restroom possibilities. I think something like that would probably have to have restrooms associated with it.

[Speaker 3] (37:19 - 37:23)
I'm trying to think of all the issues. We don't have restroom facilities now.

[Speaker 1] (37:23 - 37:48)
So let's go to public comment and then we'll go back to this. I'm going to open up public comment at this point. Do we have any people in the audience that would like to speak on this matter?

Please come up to the podium and just tell us your name and who you are. Right to the microphone. This way, because you're on TV.

Wave. There you go.

[Speaker 9] (37:49 - 39:16)
Hi, I'm Nadine Finley. I'm the Vice President of the Clayton Valley Garden Club. I just wanted to say that the biggest thing that I'm looking forward to is building community.

By giving workshops, we're really building community here. Also, we've all along have worked with the schools locally. One of the local schools has started its Diablo...

Elementary School. All their classes have now started because going through one of our chairs started learning math and science through plants. This is a new thing for them.

They just started the raised beds in May and had pumpkins in two months that were huge. The sunflowers were already six feet tall. They're going to continue this project throughout the whole school.

They've been getting grants from it, but we basically help seed this to get it going. Our club really does a lot for the community. I really think that this is going to make a difference in building community itself within Clayton.

That's my biggest thing is I think we're going to make a difference for everybody.

[Speaker 1] (39:18 - 39:40)
Anyone else? Sure now. This is your time.

You can talk to us. If not, we're going to close it for public comment. We're going to bring it back for comment to council unless staff would like to say anything at this point.

No? We'll bring it back to council and we'll start with Julie.

[Speaker 2] (39:43 - 41:41)
Sure. I think this is a really laudable goal. I have a lot of questions about the practicality of it.

I have a lot of concerns about fairness. We have a lot of other community groups who have at times expressed interest in using that property as well. If we're going to do something with that property, I think it needs to be a cohesive effort and plan.

The library has expressed interest in having a storage shed there. We have several scouting groups in town that have expressed the same thing. There are a lot of people who would like to have free land or the use of free land.

I guess I'm a little reluctant at this time to go forward with this. I am concerned about long-term maintenance, whether there really are volunteers there who will take care of it day in and day out, week in and week out, season after season. I know all of our volunteer groups in town have a hard time getting volunteers and it is pretty much the same group of volunteers who do everything and they are aging.

I'm not sure. I don't have a huge amount of confidence that the current crop of volunteers is going to be able to maintain it long-term. I guess there are other projects I hear that have been taken on up at the school, other places.

I wonder if this is perhaps stretching the volunteers too thin. That's some of my concerns. I really am not prepared to answer one way or the other on this at this point, except that I am probably not popular in saying this, but I think there are more problems to be solved and there is a willingness issue to other community groups as well.

[Speaker 4] (41:45 - 43:16)
I also applaud the concept. I took tonight's presentation and the packet that was presented to us as exploring whether or not there is any opportunity for the Garden Club to develop this property. I see a number of issues that would have to be dealt with and I would look to the Garden Club to follow up on that if we do give them direction or at least an initial suggestion that there are many issues to be solved, such as water access, the ongoing maintenance, parking, some other issues that certainly would have to be dealt with as part of the development of the property.

I think the Community Development Director would be an excellent resource for you to contact to identify the types of issues that we as a city would look to because, again, it is city property and so there is another aspect to this in looking at it from a city standpoint and this is something that I think any group looking at the potential use of that property would find it beneficial just to identify the types of issues that would need to be dealt with. So I think that is probably the next step and I think that is probably something that the Garden Club does need to pursue because

those types of issues certainly are something you would have to identify and be prepared to address before you could submit something like this on a formal basis to the city.

[Speaker 2] (43:18 - 43:50)
You know, another thought, we have a Keller Ranch master plan, specific plan that we went through several years ago identified the cost to restore the property itself, both the grounds and the building and some potential uses. I think it probably bears some more examination of that, that was adopted by the council at the time as a way to use the property. So I think that is another thing you need to look at to be in keeping with the plans for the property.

[Speaker 1] (43:51 - 44:00)
Okay, I get to speak first. Okay, I am going to make...

[Speaker 2] (44:07 - 44:09)
Yes, it was approved several years ago.

[Speaker 1] (44:11 - 44:14)
It has nothing to do with the Garden Club, it was, well we had no money.

[Speaker 2] (44:15 - 44:18)
The project would cost well over a million dollars.

[Speaker 4] (44:18 - 44:23)
It doesn't have the money, okay. Primarily the Keller House, development of that area.

[Speaker 2] (44:23 - 44:24)
But the grounds as well.

[Speaker 1] (44:26 - 45:31)
So everyone has their piece, now I can say my piece I guess because I get the last word. So there is a couple of things that I, first of all I applaud the fact that you have come forward and you are seeking to expand and improve on a club that has done nothing but good things for this community. And I see that they will do nothing more and more good things for the community.

And I don't think they are coming, I don't think you are coming in here asking for the grandiose plan at this point, but you are looking for a place to plop your plants and a couple of sheds and start small. The fact that we may have water, may not have water, you have already answered that to me, you will truck in water as long as you need or until you solve that problem and make it not a problem at that point. I have a question, what is the Blue Ribbon Club that you said you belong to?

So you are at the top.

[Speaker 4] (45:31 - 45:33)
The recognition of the activities you have conducted.

[Speaker 1] (45:36 - 47:07)
One of the things that I would think, and again this is all conceptual and we would have to go through and again Mindy is a great source of information. I'm sure Gary would be a great source of information, of massaging the ideas to fruition if possible. But again this is something that the council would consider because there are other people that have expressed interest in the property.

And then on the other hand, it is not setting precedent because we do have the historical society that is sitting on city property. We do have the CBCA shed that is sitting on city property. So it is not something that is foreign to us.

We have done those things in the past and that would set the reason to do it in the future. One of the things that I would ask you is I know you grow a lot of plants and one of the biggest bugaboos that I have is that we have medians that don't have plants or the plants have died. Can you grow plants for the medians?

That we would ask you if God gave you a list, can you propagate and grow plants that would save the city money and that we could plant in the medians? Or more natural plants that would last? Is that a possibility?

You do it for the museum. So when you have your plant sales, where does the money go to? Can you go to the microphone, Linda?

[Speaker 3] (47:08 - 47:35)
It pays for our speakers. Everyone is welcome to come and attend. For all of our operating expenses and we give it to various organizations, to the schools and to little things like to Ruth Bancroft or Markham.

I don't have the budget with me.

[Speaker 1] (47:35 - 47:44)
How long have you been in existence? So the club is not a new club. It's been here for about 17, 18 years.

[Speaker 3] (47:45 - 47:54)
And we keep getting younger members. I know most of the garden clubs have elderly members, but our club has a lot of young members.

[Speaker 1] (47:55 - 48:55)
I'm sure lots of you have gone to the garden club sales and there's a lot of young people out

there selling and helping you move plants to your car or your truck, whatever. So one of the issues that we always come up with is parking. One of the concerns that I would have is that we have limited parking around City Hall when we have meetings and things like that.

So that's not basically an overflow parking lot for the Keller Ranch area or would be the library. So there would be considerations. And this is things that you would talk to Mindy about and stuff.

And maybe there would be areas for that. And you did mention that you have insurance. And I'm not sure the insurance that you have for doing what you do is enough insurance to do what we would want that you need on that.

So again, those are cost factors that you would need to figure out. Your classes that you give, where do you give the classes?

[Speaker 3] (48:56 - 49:16)
At Diamond Terrace. I mean they're really talks. But I was thinking if we, when we do our plant sales to attract the community, we could also have little workshops or presentations, a composting workshop, or a talk about native bees or something for the community.

[Speaker 1] (49:17 - 49:21)
There was a time that I believe that you guys planted Main Street.

[Speaker 3] (49:21 - 49:46)
We used to take care of Main Street. And then our plants kept dying because the water pipes broke. So I heard that the new planters are going to be installed soon.

So hopefully we can plant again. But other cities have succulents. And on the city list we're not allowed to plant succulents.

But succulents would have survived without the water.

[Speaker 1] (49:46 - 49:48)
Is there a reason why you can't plant succulents?

[Speaker 3] (49:49 - 49:52)
It's on the city's list that we cannot plant succulents.

[Speaker 1] (49:53 - 51:01)
So I think that this is a great concept and that's a good location possibly. I think it needs a little more massaging. I think it needs some cost accounting out.

And I don't know if we can give direction to have staff spend a little time with you to kind of give

you some directions of what you would need for the next step. This is not something that happens overnight. But to massage the thought plan and the process of what you're doing.

I think in only fairness that we have a short council tonight. There's only three people. And I definitely think that the other two councilmen, Vice Mayor, you definitely should have a hear and a say in what's going on, especially for future with not doing anything like that.

But it's a good start. And I think this was a better method of coming to the council than just three minutes and speaking. At least you had a chance to have some interaction on there.

So anything else from... Can I respond to...

[Speaker 3] (51:01 - 51:20)
You sure can. Julie mentioned about the positive. We're getting older and long term maintenance and stuff.

And we could get involved with the master gardeners, such as the Walnut Creek Our Garden. They would probably love to help us. The master gardeners.

[Speaker 1] (51:20 - 51:41)
I think we would be more concerned that you have youth coming into the garden club so that, you know, like the CBC, as we get older we need younger people to do our events and do the stuff. The same thing, any organization to survive. I mean, you need to grow, but you need to grow age-wise too from the young up so that it can have continuity to do things.

[Speaker 3] (51:41 - 51:55)
And I don't think we would have a parking problem because not that many people come all at once. You don't get a mass of people. We haven't had parking problems.

We haven't had restroom problems. The library is right across the bridge.

[Speaker 1] (51:56 - 52:31)
And if you had an event, the events would probably be on non-city days or on weekends and things like that, that might alleviate some of the problems. So I think for what you're hearing from us, I think you know there's some information that you need to get together with. And maybe you can talk a little bit to Mindy or if you have some questions to Gary or myself and just massage this thing and see how it all comes together and give us some answers about really how the water is going to be.

How big of an area do you need?

[Speaker 3] (52:32 - 52:34)
We wouldn't need the whole area.

[Speaker 1] (52:35 - 52:35)
Pardon me?

[Speaker 3] (52:35 - 52:36)
We wouldn't need the whole area.

[Speaker 1] (52:36 - 53:02)
But we don't know that. So you're coming to say we want the Keller property. So is it behind the Keller building?

Is it not? And then the other concern that I would have is since we don't have much activity there, we don't have much traffic. So putting activity somewhere creates traffic, creates visibility, and I'd be concerned your vandalism and things.

Those are things that you would have to take into consideration.

[Speaker 3] (53:03 - 53:08)
That's why I put down fencing and security cameras.

[Speaker 1] (53:09 - 53:44)
Again, we would want to know what it looked like, where it would be, where it would be allotted. This is the starting point of a project, a major project. We would need a lot more detail before I think we could move forward.

And if we could move forward. But, you know, like Julie said, there is considerations of other people. There is considerations of the master plan.

My concern about the master plan for Keller is that it does cost a million dollars, and I don't see where we're going to get that in the near future. So I'm not as much concerned, and you're not going to be a permanent structure anyhow on the property.

[Speaker 4] (53:45 - 54:02)
So any other comments? Well, just that I want to encourage you to look into some of these issues. I applaud you for coming forward.

I think it's a very ambitious plan. I know you're approaching the maximum usage of the private property you're using today, and you would like to expand on that.

[Speaker 3] (54:02 - 54:07)
We're fine on the private property. It's just that we can't have plant sales.

[Speaker 4] (54:07 - 54:29)

Well, I mean, you can't expand much further. And that's where you saw this opportunity. But I think you heard tonight there's a number of issues you would have to explore further.

And you do have some resources available to do that. But I certainly encourage you to continue the research that's necessary to develop a concrete plan on what's really being proposed.

[Speaker 3] (54:29 - 54:35)
Okay. And Rogers Ranch is an old farmhouse. I don't know if anyone's familiar with that.

[Speaker 12] (54:36 - 54:37)
I heard of Rogers Ranch.

[Speaker 3] (54:37 - 54:50)
Rogers Ranch in Pleasant Hill. It's a wonderful old farmhouse. And different garden clubs and community herb society work there, and it's a working ranch now.

Okay.

[Speaker 1] (54:51 - 54:57)
I think you have one more comment over here, and then we're going to close this up. Come up to the podium, please.

[Speaker 9] (54:59 - 55:52)
I wanted to address one of Julie's questions, and she thought we might be getting too spread out. When I mentioned the school, the main one, it's just one of our members. They have all their teachers are involved in it.

They have their parents are involved. They have their own club. So we've got them started.

We just basically got the seed going, and they've taken off with it. So on most of these schools, we only have one or two of our members that are involved with them, and that gets it going. So I just wanted to put your mind at rest there.

And we also did Daffodil Hill. That was one of our plantings. And if you've noticed how beautiful it is, we really do try to make community and beautify the area.

[Speaker 12] (55:53 - 55:57)
Okay. Thank you. Any comment from staff?

[Speaker 5] (56:00 - 56:53)
Yeah. Mr. Mayor, members of the council, just to give an idea, the framework that would be involved in this is ultimately, and I think you've kind of inferred it, but there would need to be some sort of lease arrangement that's done on the property that would outline the

responsibilities of the parties. And we would probably, and I know Mindy will go through this with them, but looking at the issues that have been outlined here, how are we going to address the utilities?

Is there going to be security lighting at night and whatnot? Because an open area, certainly on private property, is one thing. On public property close to the trail, sometimes we put up things with good intent, but they can become attractive nuisances.

So those aren't obstacles that are insurmountable, but the whole framework would be ultimately a lease arrangement approved by the city council outlining those responsibilities.

[Speaker 1] (56:53 - 57:24)
Exactly. And that's why I speak to staff a little bit, and maybe we can massage this out. Again, and I don't know if this is possible, no decisions have been made, and they're not made here right now.

A lease is a temporary permit, and if it didn't work, the lease would stop. So it really needs to be thought out very well. One more comment.

That's it. Up to the podium. Please.

[Speaker 10] (57:25 - 59:17)
Yes. I'm Rob Kingsbury, and I'm in the Garden Club. I'm also assistant director for Mount Diablo Foothills District.

So the Garden Clubs of California are under an umbrella. They're under three umbrellas. There are actually four umbrellas.

And if you look around you, you will see that Concord has created a community. When the Concord Garden Club existed, it created a permanent park, farm in Concord. And you know Walnut Creek has done the same.

These were Garden Clubs. These were completely done with community energy. And I myself am on another board.

I'm on Ag-Lances board, and we just leased 15 acres from the Water Treatment District, and there's a farm going in there, an organic farm that's going in there. And that's being leased, and we do get some support from the Water Treatment District as well and from the county and from the state and also from the utilities as well. So these things are available as we move forward to deal with the problems that we're facing with global warming.

And I'm asking you to take this opportunity with your guidance of stepping forward as a leading community to also be part of solving our issues with global warming. And our best way to do

that is through education, and that's what we're seeing.

[Speaker 1] (59:18 - 59:36)
And I thank you for that. And I'm just going to make one more comment. All these, you know, major Garden Clubs, okay, that you mentioned, all of them started with a concept and an idea that needed to be massaged and approved, okay, and thought out.

So that's what we're in the process of trying to do.

[Speaker 10] (59:36 - 59:43)
Right, and that's why I'm saying Atlantis is in the process of doing that. It's been successful. It's taken five years for us to get to where we are.

[Speaker 1] (59:43 - 59:45)
Yeah, yeah. Hopefully it won't take us five years.

[Speaker 10] (59:46 - 59:49)
No, no. Okay. Maybe two.

Maybe one. Okay.

[Speaker 1] (59:49 - 1:00:20)
Thank you very much. Okay. So with that, I am going to close this action item with just the, to ask staff to cooperate with the Garden Club, whatever they come forward with, what we could do to kind of give them some guidelines or where we would go or what information we would need without, you know, just so to see if it's viable.

And if it's not, then it's, you know, that would be the starting point. Questions?

[Speaker 5] (1:00:21 - 1:00:47)
No, we're hearing the staff instructions that you as a council have provided. And, you know, we'll work with the Garden Club as you request. We'll identify issues and see if there's solutions.

And those that are not, ultimately come back to you, more than likely without the lease agreement in front of you, but maybe kind of the issue points that have been talked about, see if we've properly vetted it. Oh, 100%. And then you can give us further direction.

[Speaker 1] (1:00:47 - 1:07:31)
100%. I think that's what's needed. Okay.

All right. Thank you very much. And we appreciate the cooperation from staff on that item.

And thank you all that came, even though you all didn't speak, but that's good. So we're going to

go on to item number C. Let me get item number C, HC.

Okay, since I have my comments in here, Gary. So this is another request that, oh, this is a request I had to put on the agenda for a feasible study for construction of a second public restroom in the Clayton Center area. And this came about, you know, with ten years of doing or nine years of doing the concert series, being involved in the Art and Wine Festival, being involved in the Oktoberfest and all the other events that happen downtown.

The one thing that's very consistent with every event that we do is that we have a line outside of the women's bathroom. And sometimes the men's bathroom. Okay.

So, you know, we know our main restroom in the downtown Grove Park. We had some issues with it. And staff has worked very hard to alleviate these issues.

And so hopefully we won't have clogged toilets or problems. But that's not to say that vandals don't come in and do things that they shouldn't be doing. But we have done everything possible at this point to keep them working.

But that may not change and probably will not change the traffic flow that needs to go in and the time period that people take to go in and outside of the restroom. So, you know, it was a thought process that, you know, what could we do to this to help this out, this situation. The events I don't think are going away.

I think we'll have, you know, more events in the future. This is an awesome town that does so many wonderful things for the community. We invite and we're host to other people from other cities that come in, you know, and they love it.

And we go ahead and we rent restrooms. Okay. We are very fortunate to have restrooms donated sometimes to our causes that we have.

You know, I hear comments, you know, the ones that are by the concerts for, you know, about three and a half months, how unsightly they are or how people just don't like to use, you know. They have to be very clean and they're serviced all the time. And Julie has a lock and key.

And, I mean, when you're done, she has that lock and she locks that door and nobody's getting in until the next time of service or it needs to be done. So we try to do that and we understand that, you know, when we have events, we put restrooms around the town. And, you know, on the other side of the coin, having another restroom will not alleviate that problem that we might need other restrooms on other sides of the town.

Okay. But, you know, having one close to the park, you know, might take care of, you know, the heavy use that we have in the park. If you count the days of how many times, how many days of the year do we actually, you know, have that heavy use, I think our city manager counted it and

it was something like 24 days.

Twenty-two. Twenty-two days. So 22 days, you know, of the year that, I mean, we have high.

So, I mean, so the thing comes out to be, you know, can you validate an expense for 22 days to stop lines? Well, it depends on how bad you have to go to the bathroom, I guess, you know. That could always be something on that.

So one of the things that I thought about was a couple of things was, you know what, you never know what something costs until you ask. So one of the questions I had, you know, what does it cost to build a little room with some plumbing and a couple of toilets in it? You know, I don't know, you know.

If I was going to build it, I could tell you how much I would cost to build it, but, you know, we need to have sewerage, you know, hookups, and I don't know what all the permits and, you know, that's where our city comes in and we ask for help and say, you know, can you put a number on that? Also, more importantly, can we put a location that would work that would be feasible? You know, and that location, again, needs to have sewer laterals to hook into.

So, I mean, there's a lot of things that go into it, and I don't know that, so I'm just an idea guy, and that's why I just throw it back to staff and say, help, you know, can this work, can it not work? A thought process that came up, you know, after I came up with this thought, the first thought was, you know, at some point along the line, we hope that we're going to be building, you know, a commercial strip on Main Street, you know, and things are in the process and, you know, we've got a long way to go, but it's there. You know, is it possible for them to put a public restroom at the end of the strip?

You know, is it possible for us to build that public restroom at the end of where the strip's going to be, where they can hook up and that might be a source of funds that that could start now, be used for the public, and, you know, they're going to have it, and it might reduce a requirement to have a bathroom in every single storefront. You know, I don't know, and that's where, again, I always go to our staff to find out some of the answers, you know. Again, you know, we don't have redevelopment funds at this point, and money needs to come from somewhere.

I don't remember us having, you know, $100,000, and I'm just using that as a number, you know, sitting around for a non-specified project. So, you know, we would have to identify funds at that point, whether the city had the funds or if we could go to the local chamber to do that, we could do fundraising. We may just go to the public and say, hey, do you want one?

This is what it costs. Here's a location, you know. Let's put a big thermometer up and see how quick we can collect it.

Don't know the answers to that until I have a site, you know, the feasibility of, you know, and a

spot to put it. So that's why I wanted to bring it up here to council just to get other people's opinions since we're not allowed to do that on agenda items, and I thought we can talk about that a little bit more openly in this kind of forum. And I'm sorry that we don't have our two other councilmen here, and we might start it now and then continue it to the next meeting if we need to.

Julie, that's enough.

[Speaker 2] (1:07:31 - 1:07:34)
I'm going to be a Debbie Downer tonight.

[Speaker 1] (1:07:34 - 1:07:35)
I know. She is a Debbie Downer.

[Speaker 2] (1:07:35 - 1:10:39)
Well, I am, but I'm trying to be practical. Okay, a Julie Downer. It doesn't have the alliterative effect, but that's okay.

I love the sentiment, and if money came from the sky and we had all of it that we wanted to do everything we wanted, that might be a great idea, and we'd replace the current restroom and just snap our fingers and it'd be done. On the other hand, for 22 days a year, I did just a quick couple of Google searches on my computer at home, so I don't have the sites for you, but I did just a general search for prefabricated restroom with X number of stalls to basically double our capacity. Came in anywhere from a low of $200,000.

That doesn't include all the hookups to sewer, et cetera, to somewhere around $350,000, and I don't know that the city has that kind of money to spend right now, nor would it be the highest priority for me for 22 days a year. As far as putting things in other buildings in other locations, I have to express my frustration with that idea just because people won't cross the street to use clean porta-potties now. I don't know why they would walk a block to use another set of restrooms.

Frankly, there are restrooms down by the bocce courts, but people aren't going to walk down there to use them, and those are open for bocce players, and an extra couple of people are never noticed if they slip in and use them or even some of our restaurants nearby, but you know what? That's not something we want to dump on them. I'll tell you, people want to stand in line and listen to the concert instead of going somewhere, so I think the only feasible idea would be to replace the ones that are there, but the cost is really high.

And we'd need to redo the sewer. I can almost promise that. Certainly the line is not sized for the number of restrooms we'd need for those 22 days out of the entire year.

So frankly, we've got them working well now. I am very happy that I'm not in there cleaning them

out anymore and having to lock them up because they're not handling the capacity. They are used at capacity during concert nights.

There's no question about that, but nobody's getting mad. Nobody's getting angry. Once in a while, somebody slips over to the other restroom if they need to, if it's urgent, but you know what?

I think this is a nonstarter for me. I can't see that as the highest priority for a quarter of a million dollars plus a year. I just cannot.

And, you know, it's city money, and unless somebody wants to gift us with the full cost, I'm not there.

[Speaker 1] (1:10:39 - 1:10:45)
And that was the possibility of the study, to see what it would cost to know if we could find that money.

[Speaker 2] (1:10:45 - 1:11:06)
Frankly, I'm not willing to burden staff with it right now. I don't hear a hue and cry coming from our residents that go to the concerts, begging me to spend a quarter of a million dollars or more on new restrooms. So right now, I'm not willing to spend any more of staff time on it.

[Speaker 4] (1:11:07 - 1:12:56)
Okay. Keith. Well, I think tonight we're not being asked certainly to approve funding because we have no idea of what that would look like.

We have no idea what this would cost or where it would be located. And I see that to be really what is being requested here, and that's just some initial research because I have seen long lines. I have heard complaints from particularly the ladies in long lines and their reluctance to walk across the street to an outhouse.

And I'd like to be able to respond with an estimate of what it would cost to either expand the existing bathroom or build a new one. We have no basis right now to even indicate the city can't afford something like that, or it would cost way more than it could be justified based on 22 event days. So I don't know how much time it would take for the city to come up with an estimate, but I'd feel more comfortable in responding to any requests we do get from citizens that we have at least looked at the cost of building an additional restroom and we've looked at potential locations.

And at this time with that information available, I think we could better answer the question that we've looked into that. We don't have the available city funds at this time. If they do become available or we have future development that we might be able to incorporate plans for an additional public restroom, I think that information would be helpful.

Right now we have no idea what it would cost or the best place to put it. And I think it would just assist us in answering that question if we at least had a ballpark estimate.

[Speaker 1] (1:13:01 - 1:13:23)
Well, you know what? I think at this point that we should hold this item over to the next council meeting where we have a full council. Oh, could I open this up to public comment?

Any public comment? Anyone want to make a comment? Alan?

Climb up to the podium, please.

[Speaker 7] (1:13:25 - 1:13:53)
Well, I did earlier mention that I like the ideas and I'm more than willing to help. I agree with Keith Hayden that it wouldn't hurt to do a feasibility study and figure out minimum cost, locations. I have ideas on locations.

I'm a chemical engineer, not that type of engineer. So I agree with Keith and Howard. Go forward.

Thank you.

[Speaker 1] (1:13:53 - 1:14:38)
Any other public comment? Okay, we're going to close public comment and just bring it back here. I think, again, I'd like to say since we are short staff on the city council, and I think this is before we ask staff to spend any time, I would like to get a feel from the other councilmen that are here.

And if we can put this on our next agenda when we have a full group, that would be helpful. And then we can further discuss it. Maybe staff might be able to come up with a couple of answers or not.

I would be more concerned about location. I never thought about taking up the other one and putting a bigger one there. I never thought about that.

[Speaker 2] (1:14:38 - 1:14:48)
Well, people won't travel away from the park. And frankly, I don't know where you'd put it. We don't really have any other public land on Main Street.

[Speaker 1] (1:14:49 - 1:14:51)
Well, we do have public land on Main Street.

[Speaker 2] (1:14:51 - 1:15:18)

Well, we do now, but it's subject to development. You can't ask that of a developer. And I don't think you want to put one in the middle of the historic society garden at the museum.

That would not go over at all. They won't cross the street to use clean porta-potties, even when they know they're there.

[Speaker 1] (1:15:18 - 1:15:28)
Yeah, a lot of people don't like porta-potties. Let's just hold off. I mean, we could beat this to death at this point.

Let's just hold it over to the next meeting, and then we'll have some other opinions also.

[Speaker 5] (1:15:29 - 1:15:59)
Yes, sir. As you consider, as a legislative body looking at this, one item that wasn't factored or talked about is maybe start thinking also about the ongoing maintenance utility. Because you've indicated the capital side of things, but there's that other side of the ledger.

And we experienced, as you well know, on the Grove Park, we told our citizens, look, we can build it. But at some point in time, the capital cost begins to be exceeded by the ongoing maintenance cost, which is water and sewers.

[Speaker 1] (1:15:59 - 1:16:23)
One of the things about that, I know that we have our porta-potties for the concert series are donated as part of their financial gift to us. And I've had conversations that they might increase the financial amount that they were given if they didn't have to buy the porta-potties and pay for that for two and a half months.

[Speaker 5] (1:16:23 - 1:16:31)
Well, that raises a good point, certainly, because out of the 22 events we're talking about, many of them right now, the extra porta-potties are being paid by CBCA.

[Speaker 12] (1:16:32 - 1:16:32)
Exactly.

[Speaker 5] (1:16:33 - 1:16:58)
So if you build public restroom, then that transfers the cost that is on CBCA to the city's general fund. It wouldn't be the Grove Park fund that would fund this, unless you were to expand the number of facilities on that property itself. And I think there's some site constraints that could be, but we don't have absolutes before you.

So I appreciate your desire to have something a little more definitive than our gut feeling, if I can use a pun.

[Speaker 1] (1:16:59 - 1:17:11)
And I think let's just move on to the next thing. We'll put this on for your next agenda. Next meeting, I think that would be fine.

This is just starting a conversation. Nothing happens in Clayton quickly.

[Speaker 2] (1:17:11 - 1:17:18)
And I don't disagree. I just think the only reasonable solution is a larger building on the existing site.

[Speaker 1] (1:17:18 - 1:17:20)
And that's what I never thought about.

[Speaker 2] (1:17:20 - 1:17:28)
And the cost of that, I think, is going to be really high. So if you're willing to take that on as a fundraising project.

[Speaker 1] (1:17:28 - 1:17:30)
You never know. You never know.

[Speaker 2] (1:17:30 - 1:17:30)
Sounds good to me.

[Speaker 1] (1:17:31 - 1:17:33)
Let's just find out what we're dealing with.

[Speaker 2] (1:17:33 - 1:17:37)
I'm okay with that. I just think we ought to be realistic about how far people will travel.

[Speaker 1] (1:17:38 - 1:18:34)
And we'll be realistic about that. Okay. All right.

So we're going to go back here. We're going to move on from item number C. We've given staff some direction.

And we're going to postpone this to our next meeting anyhow. We're going to go to item number nine, council items limited to request of directors for future meetings. At this point, I thought Gary would be sitting here.

What? Every time I bring that up, I have something. I thought you'd have a little tick by now.

Not at all. No? I have nothing to add to the meeting?

Nothing at this time. Nothing? No?

Okay. So at this point, we're going to go into closed session. According to government code section 54956.8, conference with real property negotiator. That's all I read at this point, right? And that means that everybody has to leave. Sorry about that.