

From: [Shyla Patera](#)
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Subject: agenda items. Aug 16th city commission
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Mayor Kelly and Great Falls City Commission:

My name is Shyla Patera I am a resident of Great Falls and an Independent Living Specialist employed by North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. in Black Eagle, Montana. I wish to send this email as an advocate for several agenda items on tonight's agenda. First, on community development fees, the builders and developers have asked for this change for quite some time. Having participated in previous Planning and community development Townhalls regarding the issue, I can tell you that something is needed to spur development in Great Falls especially with housing. I do have mixed feelings about this because often times accessibility and lived experience aren't really a part of design discussions. When I have approached Mr. Raymond, Mr. Micuda or the PCCD, staff are very happy to work with citizens with disabilities, but staff want policies and procedures that are enforceable and are able to be implemented easily and have the backing of the city and the wider business and development communities. I am kind of disappointed that disabilities accessibility and aging in place aren't really a part of community discussions as much as I'd hoped but even though we have to keep moving incrementally we must do that as a community.

On the BID items, I really hope that the changes that the BID is recommending tonight and has recommended passed in the past will become a part of community discussions especially on accessibility. Although, I would like to see stormwater and drainage systems policies worked on as a continuing item so not only the BID and other Great Falls businesses can come before you as a commission but citizens can as well because this is often a huge expense for homeowners and we know that our soils and tree roots often play huge roles in how things are maintained for all. I really don't understand why the BID is coming before you asking for funding to improve day-to-day operations. I support that but I really would like to see what the BIDs going to do for our neighborhoods as well downtown has been a shining success for the BID in the past but as above with the community development funding accessibility is often still a question. Future plans

always talk about downtown because communities want our downtowns to be vibrant – rightfully so but about our neighborhoods because if our neighborhoods are cornerstones of any community they lead to a vibrant community all around. I understand the setbacks and challenges of residential zoning but if we could have community discussions on how to incorporate our neighborhoods into the b.i.d. workings then that would help.

The next item is the radius of the revolving loan fund for the remodel of Cambridge Court I would like to hear more about this proposal before commenting on it however I do have some questions for PCCD and Mr. Raymond The renovation be used for what type of housing or building will there be there were problems with generators and different things in past times so how does this development team plan to use this loan to either bring business or housing forward in Great Falls? If it is housing that is planned for this development, what source of income and availability will be brought forward and has the proposal been presented to Montana Housing, as well as the department of Commer? I do really hope that if it is housing that is moving into the rehomed Cambridge Court that it will be remodeled to reflect current trends and best supports for low income residents and residences If the current project is designed that way. Thank you very much for your time on all these important agenda items I do hope that someone can work with an evening taxi company or a transportation company on accessibility opportunities so that I may join you again in person.

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Subject: FW: Public Comment, Brian Cayko
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See Mr. Cayko's comments pertaining to agenda items 15 and 17.

Lisa

From: Lisa C. Kunz
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Subject: RE: Public Comment, Brian Cayko

Thank you for your comments Brian. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda items 15 and 17 on tomorrow evening's agenda.

Best regards,

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From: Brian Cayko <briancayko@msn.com>
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Hello commissioners,
Please consider my comments on proposed agenda items.

Regarding the tax mill levy. Please do not use public tax dollars to support private non-profits. I do not want my public tax dollars, intended to support the infrastructure of the city, to be used for supporting ideological & worldview organizations that I do not agree with it. I understand it is legal, but it is not responsible, especially during these challenging economic times. The city could use the money they received from various federal programs related to COVID and

the Rescue Plan to offset city budget shortfalls. Please do not raise property taxes and hand out those grant funds to PRIVATE nonprofits. In essence because of the city's actions, GF property owners are donating to private nonprofits they may not want to support.

Legal is one thing, responsible is another. Is it responsible for the city to cause further economic harm to its citizens by raising taxes during extremely challenging economic times, and refuse to use the money it already has from these federal grants toward city expenditures? Is it responsible to put private nonprofits before city residents at large? I say no.

Regarding Ordinance 3249, Please vote no. I do not want or support any use or sale of marijuana in our city. Wide medical & mental health research, survey data, epidemiological statistics, sociology & anthropology has only demonstrated the harm from marijuana use. There is no tax revenue worth the harm it places on our citizens. That & the tax revenue is not actually realized locally. Please vote no to marijuana in any regard including this proposal.

Thank You
Brian.