

September 14 2026 Jackie Peppard Written Comments re City Council Meeting

Agenda Item No. 3 Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

- **Flock Cameras:** would like a follow up on why the cameras are not intended to be removed until September 2027 since the contract has not been removed. Why aren't they at least covered. Is there something that the public hasn't been told?
- **LOT or Higher Property Tax:** In my humble opinion, we should not be hiring an unelected administrator to do the job the Mayor was elected to do. She did not run on a platform that she would be a part-time Mayor and that she would then delegate her duties and responsibilities to unelected official. If she cannot do her job for whatever reason, she should step down as she has done before. Not spend more money the taxpayers do not have.

Agenda Item No. 7c Consideration of Resolution No. 26-31 Adoption of Transportation Master Plan

Please delay adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 26-31 until it is established and the property owners are satisfied that the proposed Residential Street dimensions (this includes any Vision or Fence Triangles):

- Do not violate or encroach upon privately owned property. All must stay within the 80-foot right of way (ROW) the City already owns;
- Doesn't violate Ordinance 10-1-4: PRESERVATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS
- Most importantly, does not affect our God given right to own property without government usurpation or proper eminent domain proceedings. It is the **duty and business** of any civil government is to protect, defend, and **even expand the exercise of natural rights** as you took an oath to do.

Furthermore, once sidewalks and curbs are proposed and the City and its property owners have adequate money to do so in the residential areas, affected property owners should be specifically and individually be polled and given written notice and adequate time to voice their opinion. Sidewalks and curbs are expensive to maintain in snow country and we cannot take care of what we have. You can be sure that any property tax that is needed to complete these plans will be passed along to renters and drive the working-class owners out.

Given the dire condition of the Sewer and Water, and no maintenance plans regarding the ROW, Residential Streets should be planned without curbs, gutters, or sidewalks at this time. Please stop wasting time and money on this and direct energy to the sewer and water crisis.

10-1-4: PRESERVATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS:

This title shall be interpreted to equally protect each citizen from the undue encroachment of his private property by his neighbors' use of his own private property. Each citizen shall have the maximum use of his property without placing undue burden upon his neighbor. Every resident of the City shall at all times have the right to appear in person or by his agent before the Council to freely petition for the relief of an alleged burden created by this title, and to appeal any decision of the commission pursuant to the procedure stated herein. The enforcement of this title shall apply equally to each person and property in similar circumstances. (Ord. 2015-02, 4-20-2015)

After the US Constitution was ratified, Roger Sherman took this to the logical conclusion. During a 1790 debate on the House floor, he made this statement:

*"It is the privilege of every citizen, and one of his most essential rights...to resist every attack upon his liberty **or property, by whomsoever made.**"*

In his 1791 "Lectures on Law," Supreme Court Justice James Wilson explained that the **duty** of government is to protect, defend, and **even expand the exercise of natural rights.**

"I here close my examination into those natural rights, which, in my humble opinion, it is the business of civil government to protect, and not to subvert, and the exercise of which it is the duty of civil government to enlarge, and not to restrain."