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Subject: Community Comments Testimony for the September 16th City Council Work Session

Please add this to the written public record for the Community Comments for the September 16th City Council Work Session.

City Council and City Manager,

The West Linn Community Development Code is always a handy reference when questions come up about the meanings of words used in City documents. Under **CDC Chapter 2.010 (A) Interpretation it states: The word “shall” is mandatory. The word “may” is permissive.**

Having listened to the CC meeting last night it is important to note that at 1:33:40 into the video the Mayor states “It is not going to be built unless the community wants it and approves the money for it.”. He is speaking in reference to the Community Recreation Center and the Aquatic Center. Yet he also says that changing the Parks Master Plan so it states that there shall be advisory vote of the people is not necessary. Councilors Sakelik and Cummings make the point that an Advisory Vote needs to be added to the Parks Master Plan before it is approved to make sure that the people do get to decide whether or not one or both of these are built in the future. The word **shall** is what is needed to be included in the Parks Master Plan for both of these big budget items. The word **may** is what is in the Parks Master Plan currently for the Aquatic Center. Please change the word to **shall** and have it specifically listed for **both** the Community Recreation Center and the Aquatic Center. Over 70% of the people voted against the pool last time there was an advisory vote. They need the right to vote on it again. It needs to be specifically listed in the Parks Master Plan that there **shall** be an Advisory Vote if and when the Community Recreation Center of the Aquatic Center are planned to be built in the future.

City Council, every one of you said that your work on the Council would reflect the will of the people when you were elected. Giving the people the specific right to vote on something that, in a previous draft of the Parks Master Plan, was

estimated to cost approximately \$60 million is doing what the people want. You have nothing to lose from doing so and everything to gain.

Thank you,
Roberta Schwarz