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Hi Jacki,

Your presentation yesterday morning was informative and well received.

I have the following thoughts on each site that was presented concentrating on the highest and best use of land for the City:

Amesbury Rd.

1. If an industrial building will not be feasible here given the habitat, size, availability of water and sewer then a BESS would be seen as a positive tax flow for the city with a PILOT agreement.

Computer Dr.

1. I tend to agree with you that this land may be better used for an industrial building however, if a 20 or 25 year PILOT agreement could be made for a Tier 2 that surpasses 10K a year, this may be better tax revenue for the city.

Cross Rd.

1. This land is owned by NE Power so may be an incentive for the owners to sell or lease to a BESS rather than a building site?

Groveland Rd.

1. This site being a capped land fill may be ideal for a BESS rather than a building that would inhabit people during the day which may prohibit a building structure.

Hilldale Ave.

1. Rob Moore had mentioned that this (12 good acre) site was looked at for a 20K or 30K square foot building previously? If this would not be approved, then a BESS would allow the city to obtain tax dollars with a PILOT agreement.

Neck Rd.

1. 766-1-1 is Chapter land 61A but 766-1-3 came out of 61A in FY2024 with a small rollback left is sold before FY2029. 61A land that is not in APR can be rolled back and produce more tax dollars with a PILOT agreement.

I will keep thinking about these sites and if there is more input I can give to you to help the Council decide, I will let you know.

Thank you,
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Good morning,

As many of you know, I have been coordinating with the Fire, Police, Conservation, Engineering, Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer, Assessing, and Inspectional Services Departments to evaluate a number of potential land areas for a proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) zoning district.

Over the past several weeks, I have been trying to meet with each department to review these potential locations and obtain your assessment of their suitability based on your department's operational needs, expertise, and evaluation criteria. To ensure we have a collaborative discussion and an opportunity to hear each department's perspectives, I would like to invite everyone to meet on Tuesday, July 28, following the Department Review meeting (10:15 am ish) in Room 301. The purpose of this meeting is to review the proposed land areas as a group, discuss any concerns or recommendations and gather feedback on both the proposed zoning district boundaries and the draft BESS ordinance.

Following our meeting, I will compile each department's evaluations into a summary spreadsheet identifying the proposed land areas along with each department's findings and considerations. This information will be presented for review and discussion at the Planning & Development Committee meeting on August 24.

Attached are the latest versions of the proposed BESS zoning district maps and the draft Battery Energy Storage Systems ordinance for your review prior to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, please send me your comments and recommendations regarding the proposed zoning areas and draft ordinance in advance so they can be included in the departmental summary.

Thank you,
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