
Re: Request for Council Distribution, Public Information, and Meeting Discussion Regarding Wastewater Coliform Findings

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All,

I have directed staff to put together a presentation together on this for tonight.

Any public records you are requesting can be done so through a public records request after the meeting if necessary.

Thank you!
Christina

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From: Suzanne Wrede <swrede@bellevueidaho.us>

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Subject: Request for Council Distribution, Public Information, and Meeting Discussion Regarding Wastewater Coliform Findings

Dear Mayor Giordani,

Open Meeting Law Notice: As a member of the Bellevue City Council, I am submitting this correspondence as a request for information from City staff and administration and to establish a public record regarding matters of public concern. This email is not intended to solicit deliberation, discussion, polling, or consensus among Council members outside a properly noticed public meeting. Any substantive policy discussion, debate, or decision-making regarding these matters should occur only during a public meeting in compliance with Idaho's Open Meeting Law. To ensure equal access to information, I request that any responsive materials be distributed through official City channels to all Council members and, where appropriate, included in the public record and meeting materials.

I respectfully request the following:

1. Distribution of 5BGazette Correspondence

That the recent correspondence involving 5BGazette, entitled "*Public Records Show Severely Elevated Total Coliform Levels at Bellevue WWTP*," to which I was copied, be provided to the full City Council and included as part of the meeting materials available for discussion and public review at the next available public meeting.

Given the significance of the wastewater issues currently facing the City, it is important that all Council members

receive the same information through appropriate channels and have an opportunity to review the information prior to any public discussion. It would appear that there are differing opinions or facts that should be addressed in detail.

2. Distribution of Dan Brown Correspondence

Mr. Dan Brown previously communicated concerns regarding the City's wastewater treatment operations to the full City Council. It is my understanding that subsequent communications and discussions have occurred between Mr. Brown and the City regarding those concerns, including potential recommendations, offers of assistance, and other information relevant to the wastewater system.

To ensure that all Council members have access to the same information regarding matters already presented to the Council, I request that any non-privileged correspondence, proposals, recommendations, or other materials submitted by Mr. Brown following his original communication to the Council be distributed to all Council members and made available for discussion at a properly noticed public meeting.

3. Information Regarding Coliform Bacteria Findings

I request that staff provide information to the Council regarding recent coliform bacteria findings associated with the wastewater system and how those findings compare to the risks identified by the City in the May 21, 2024 Proposed Water Revenue Bond Election Information Guide, which stated:

"The survey found that potential exposure of various contamination sources infiltrating the spring water supply could lead to coliform bacterial outputs in the drinking water supply. Coliform bacteria can lead to impacts to the general public's digestive system. For individuals with compromised immune systems, severe impacts could be chronic (or even fatal). It is anticipated that the proposed project will address the threat of coliform bacteria through the reconstruction of the spring source collection."

Specifically, I request information regarding:

- The nature of the coliform bacteria identified in the wastewater system.
- The concentrations or levels detected.
- Whether those levels exceed any regulatory thresholds, permit limits, or accepted standards.
- How the risks associated with wastewater coliform findings compare to the risks described by the City regarding potential coliform contamination of the drinking water supply.
- What levels of coliform bacteria in drinking water would be considered concerning or actionable by regulatory agencies.
- Whether any assessment has been performed regarding potential impacts to groundwater, the water table, nearby wells, surface waters, or other environmental receptors.

4. Public Communication and Mitigation Measures

I request information regarding how the City intends to communicate these matters to residents, including:

- Current and planned testing protocols.
- The frequency of testing and reporting.
- The manner in which test results will be made available to the public.
- Any mitigation measures currently being implemented.
- Any regulatory notifications, reporting requirements, or agency involvement related to the issue.

Additionally, I request information regarding the use of chlorine or other treatment methods, including:

- The quantities being utilized.
- The intended purpose and expected effectiveness of those treatments.
- Potential impacts to residents, groundwater, soils, surface waters, and the surrounding environment.
- Any analysis regarding the interaction of chlorinated wastewater with leaking infrastructure, lagoon seepage, or other system failures.
- Any monitoring being conducted to evaluate downstream or long-term environmental impacts.

5. Request for Public Meeting Presentation

To promote transparency and ensure that both the Council and the public receive the same information simultaneously, I request that these matters be addressed through a staff presentation or report during a properly noticed public meeting, with supporting materials distributed to all Council members in advance through the normal meeting packet process.

Thank you for your attention to these requests. My intent is to ensure that the Council is fully informed, that the public has access to accurate information, and that these issues are addressed through the City's established governance and public meeting processes.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Wrede