

MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa Bethel, John Day City Manager

From: Chris Labhart, John Day City Councilor

Date: January 4, 2024

Dear Melissa,

I would like to add an item to the City Council Agenda for next Tuesday's City Council Meeting.

At our last City Council meeting, the Council took a vote on an agenda item (R3) that was advertised on the agenda as an update and informational topic. A vote, to be taken by the Council, on this topic, was not indicated on the agenda. I believed the Council erred in conducting a vote without the topic being advertised as such.

I would like a review and discussion of R3 be added to this Tuesday's agenda. We, as a Council, have been working hard on building trust with the public. An unadvertised vote on a controversial topic, doesn't look good in the public's perception. At the last Council meeting, both sides on the question of R3 were not offered the opportunity to express their opinions, one way or the other. We have never added an item to the agenda, that required a vote, without 24 hour notice, except in an emergency.

Best Regards,

Chris Labhart