

TOWN HALLS

OVERVIEW OF PURPOSE

I. BACKGROUND

With the recent moratorium now in effect, the City is beginning a comprehensive research and information-gathering process. The purpose of this effort is to collect, organize, and make available relevant materials through the Project Hub on the City's website, creating a centralized resource for residents, staff, and public officials to access accurate and timely information.

II. SCHEDULING OF TOWN HALLS

Currently, two town hall meetings are scheduled. The first is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, and the second for Monday, June 29, 2026. Both meetings will be at 6 pm in the boardroom of City Hall.

This location allows for the streaming of the meetings on the City's Facebook and YouTube channels. Links to view the meetings, notes, and all other documentation will be available in the project hub.

The limitation to forty individuals is based upon the allowable fire and building code occupancy of the space.

III. SYNOPSIS OF CONCERNS RELAYED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following is the synopsis of concerns:

- I. **Water Consumption and Scarcity:** The large volume of water required for the cooling systems, potential threats to residents, and the large nursery industry supply in Warren County.
- II. **Water Pollution:** The cooling systems, potential leaks, and chemically-laden water into the local groundwater, aquifer, rivers, and streams endanger public health and local agriculture.
- III. **Noise Pollution:** Continuous hums, decibels, use of generators, infrasound, and associated health risks, such as anxiety, insomnia, and headaches.
- IV. **Air pollution:** Emissions from onsite electrical generation, CO2 levels, and other pollutants that could degrade local air quality.
- V. **Impacts on Local Ecosystems:** Damage to local biodiversity and the habitat of fish in Charles Creek.

- VI. **Infrastructure Strain:** Large-scale facilities could overwhelm existing utility grids, resulting in higher electrical and water costs for residents.
- VII. **Light Pollution:** High-intensity night lighting at these types of facilities affects residents and wildlife.
- VIII. **Environmental Risks:** Deep concern regarding the impact of cooling water waste, specifically the use of biocides and propylene glycol, and the potential for these to contaminate the local water supply
- IX. **Emergency Management Risks:** Great financial and physical danger would be posed to the community if the town had to establish a full-scale response unit for potential accidents.
- X. **Economic and Future concerns:** Concerns about the long-term benefits of the project, warning of potential crashes. Limited job creation and hiring of residents, and arguing that the town's small-scale, rural nature makes it a poor fit for industrial-scale data facilities

IV. PURPOSE OF THE TOWN HALLS

The purpose of the town halls is to discuss the history, types, current regulations, and possible regulatory pathways to adequately address concerns and impacts in a legal framework that will not subject the City to large, potentially highly impactful litigation and/or a potential overruling by the courts, resulting in the use and development occurring, with no means to address the associated concerns and impacts.