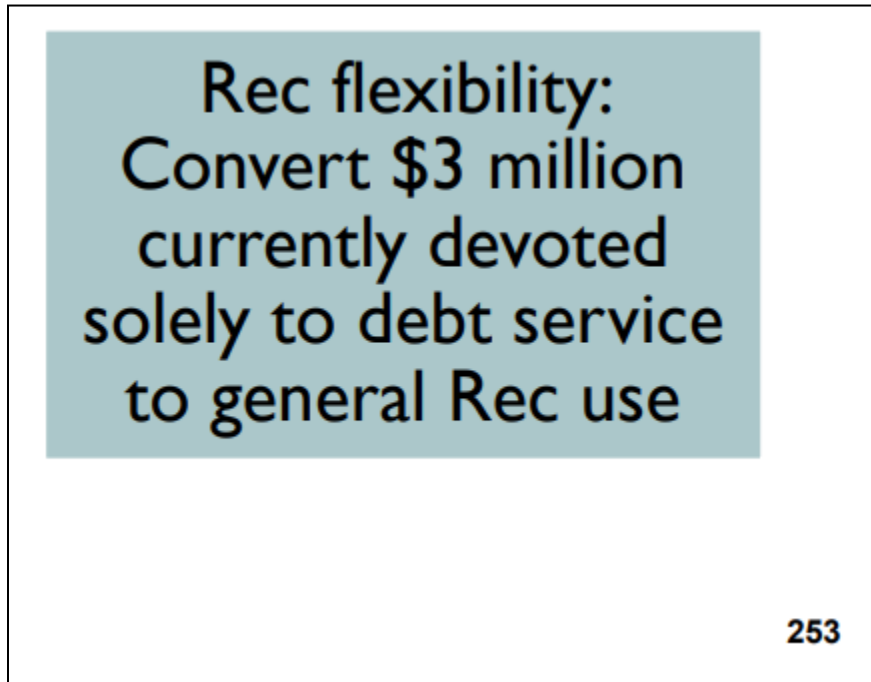


July 10, 2023

Dear City Council,

I saw on your agenda that you will discuss the income tax increase.

I fully support the expansion of taxes earmarked for recreational services to a more general recreational use.



(City of Delaware [June 5, 2023, agenda packet](#), p. 253)

I have questions about the increase in the economic development reserve from \$75,000 to \$750,000. How can I find details on how these funds will be utilized? Will it be used to attract businesses and commercial developments that support our natural resources and climate, including those with net-zero emissions commitments? Will it favor high-wage jobs? Will use of these funds decrease the City's dependence on tax abatements?

- Increase investment in economic development to enhance the economic base of the City of Delaware
  - Currently contribute \$75,000 to economic development reserve
  - Recommended contribution of \$750,000

(City of Delaware [June 5, 2023, agenda packet](#), p. 255.)

Thank you for your time and attention to these details.

Regards,  
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