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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

In follow up to Councillor Kirby-Yung's question this morning, please find below background on the expenditures cited in [this media article](#). The City also has issued a [clarifying message on social media](#) and reached out to the reporter, who has since updated their article and [related tweet](#).

- The kombucha, gelato and coffee are sold at our park and beach concession stands by (often local) vendors with whom we hold agreements. The City establishes agreements and negotiates pricing with food suppliers and concessions order from these vendors.
- Other food vendors were also included in the list; as part of our COVID-19 response in 2021, the City also provided emergency food to the Downtown Eastside.
- The dry-cleaning services are for Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Fire Rescue Services and Vancouver City Theatre uniforms, and coveralls for field workers in Engineering as part of agreements with unions. For health and safety reasons, specialized cleaning is required because the uniforms may be soiled with stains that are not common (e.g., oil, blood, etc.).
- Amazon purchases are for technology web services, such as web hosting, and materials that are not supplied by our primary sources of supply under contract or when expedited timelines must be met.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please feel free to reach out to Patrice or me.

Best,
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