

Public Input: Ray Barnett

Evening. I am absolutely disappointed how the city is handling public input. On two occasions (4/21/20 and 5/5/20), I submitted comments for public input, that were not read during the meetings. Both were submitted timely. I did receive an apology for the April 21 meeting for which I appreciated and accepted. My comments were added (after the fact) to the addendum for the workshop packet. The comments I submitted for the May 5 meeting have not been added to the addendum. I have sent the city manager a couple of email expressing my displeasure for missing another one of my public comments and will be waiting for an answer. To date, silence. No apology. No comment. No explanation. No excuse. Nothing.

I can only hope these comments make it to the public workshop this evening.

Is the city trying to sway public opinion by not putting public comments out for review and consideration by the public? Is the city deliberately omitting public comments. Are there other comments by other residents that have not been read at the meetings or added to the addendum? What are the legal repercussions for not reading all submitted comments.

Here are the comments I submitted for the 5/5/20 meeting.

Evening. I'd like to make a few comments about the school budget. There was some discussion about \$839,000 dollars in surplus in the school capital reserve fund. If there is a surplus, then it needs to be returned to the city and the unassigned fund balance. Then there was a discussion about establishing another fund of \$706,000 dollars. Are you kidding me. The spoiled child just keeps asking for more and more. Then of course there is the 1.6 million for the capital reserve fund. When is the council going to put an end to this cash hoarding. How bout I not pay the over \$4,000 dollar school tax bill and start my own go have some fun account.

I believe there is over \$200,000 dollars left over from the CTC/JBC. Where is that money going? Into another account?

I'm sure you are all aware of what's going on. An .84 cent tax hike is a little much.. Then add a new increase in the water and sewer rates is another great gift from the city. the school budget can be cut in various areas and reduce the tax increase. I agree with Mr. Varney and his laundry list of items that needs to be addressed.

Thank you

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I hope the council has some real discussions and reduce the school budget and find ways to reduce the tax increase. You can't take any more from the city side, you've already reduce the city side by more than 5 million dollars.

Thanks

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