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Council Members Smith, Young, and Haynes,

I hope you have had a lovely week with your families. Here are my thoughts on this week's agenda, which I hope are of assistance. There are even more concerns regarding transit, as you will see in presentations and reports, and it is my strong opinion that it is absolutely unacceptable for this department to continue not to attach their presentations. Knowing what I do, I am not sure how you are meant to prepare.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

B. Though a matter of oversight, and a cost savings, are we really amending the budget to the tune of 1.2 million in the consent agenda? That seems major.

C. Economic incentives are not generally popular. Burial is a local manufacturing company that is certified living wage and adding 17 "median wage" jobs. This seems appropriate to the standard our community desires.

D. Some have stated that the increased fines will hit locals hardest. As the newest member of the Downtown Sub-Committee on Parking, I have engaged at 3 of their meetings on this matter. I think a helpful response will be getting information to locals about monthly parking opportunities. Information on available monthly parking could be gathered in advance if deemed helpful.

F. Aerial views of Oak Dr. do not show sidewalks currently available. Chronically homeless in the region are not often car owners, so safe commute to the bus line should be a consideration.

J. Understanding the process of grants, this has gathered a great deal of conversation in groups like Asheville Politics. Understanding that in advance may be of help in case of public comment.

III. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. I'm eager to hear more from these folks on the ground level. The information on the slides is very generalized.

B. I hope that you will read thoughts from [Ashley Cooper](#) and [Patrick Conant](#) regarding the disparity study. This study has taken too long, cost a substantial amount, and what it shows is both entirely unacceptable and was avoidable. As you well know, Asheville is not only missing its mark, we are failing families and entire communities. I understand you may be in waiting for Ms. Campbell, and that you are in the process of funding and empowering Ms. Archie's office. We can't afford to drag feet on this, and now is not a time to be quiet about it. In the future, we could start with hiring local people to do studies, perhaps looking to partners that work with small businesses and/or contractors.

C. The quarterly transit update should have positive information about addressing missed hours. There should also be information about the diesel bus #1206 that caught fire. There should be a letter coming from the Transit Committee, hopefully before this meeting, that outlines some concerns regarding the TMP. This week has been very revealing in regards to staff issues. I'm available if you have further questions.

D. I'm looking forward to the afternoon's revenue meeting. It is no surprise that we're going over budget, and it's likely attributed to personnel, but my eyes are on the 3 departments with the largest variances going over: APD, Public Works, and Parks & Rec.

Peace and Health,
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