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Council Members Smith, Young, and Haynes,

Happy MLK Jr. Day! I hope each of you is enjoying celebration and/or service today. I'm headed to the Burton Street Peace Garden service day.

Here's what caught my eye on Tuesday's agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA:

C. Well, as expected the "not to exceed" did indeed exceed. We're looking forward to good news in hiring of the City Attorney, one who will indeed help to protect Asheville and all of her people.

D. The amount is small enough to seem minor, but it is a good opportunity to ask about performance standards. Accountability and trust are community concerns I hear most.

PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:

A. The number of responses is small, and doesn't line up with the 2 major concerns I'm hearing from neighbors: housing and infrastructure. As worded, public safety is going to market well when justifying a never-ending pool of funds for policing, however, we know that more policing does not mean more safety for all the people.

* Access to jobs, housing, groceries, childcare, and education will have a direct and immediate impact, for better or worse. We *will not* see improvements in the transit system without complete, uncompromised funding of the carefully advised role of the first year of the Transit Master Plan (TMP.) The data presented at last week's Transit Committee meeting showed 51% on-time performance. As you go into retreat, please consider what a one-time 3 million will do to fix this, then we'll be able to be able to build Asheville Regional Transit on solid footing once we have increased revenue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

B. I wish we were expanding capacity at current locations instead. I know this is a complex, layered issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. There may be public attention on this matter. Language says this is currently not funded. I think it's possible the public engaged in this project could help pull in more private/public partnerships, and it's worth asking.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Expect more and sustained requests to challenge the districting of the city elections.

Last week, Keith asked if I would include City Manager Debra Campbell on these emails. At this time, I think it's important for me to keep my commitment to the 3 of you. I will include her in pointed advocacy efforts, and you are welcome to share these thoughts with her as you find helpful. They are part of public record, but designed for your

eyes.

Peace & Love,
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