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Sent: 12/11/2018 6:41:49 PM
To: Brian Haynes, Keith Young, Sheneika Smith
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Subject: Re: Notes on Council Agenda 12/11/2018

Interesting: hotels voluntarily committing to living wages is the new standard! Good work on these kinds of community agreements.

On Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 1:37 PM Kim Roney <mskimroney@gmail.com> wrote:
Council Members Smith, Young, and Haynes,

Thank you for your diligent service in 2018!

Here are my notes on tonight's agenda:

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

- E. Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget calendar: I am among the neighbors watching closely and preparing advocacy efforts to request that our budget decisions align with our values. This year, we must be courageous in moving resources, and not just in a small gesture.
- F. Demo at Lower Grassy Branch: It would be good to know whether or not this fund balance has been fully used in the past, and whether or not it has been successfully recovered through lien.

III. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:

- A. Artspace Affordable Housing Project: Thank you to Councilwoman Smith for being at the table! This is quite an interesting group of partners. It looks like the income range most contributing to the survey makes between 34-68% of the AML. The demographic ranges of young, white, female-identifying persons who also work in the service industry sound about right. Looking forward to what next steps are.
- B. ABC Update: not surprised to see continued growth. Interesting to see national cannabis trends in the future expectations.
- C. NAC update: Phil Lenowitz is a great asset to Asheville, and we're really lucky to have him chairing NAC, and I think a comment of thanks is appropriate. Regarding noise, I think it's important to remember that not everyone has the same expectations of what is a bad time of the day to be noisy. If you need a common ground to stand on, I suggest school hours for families and children. Regarding adoption of neighborhood plans and signage, I think that does need to be addressed, and I'm sure something could be learned from the Burton Street experience. Lastly, remember that Vision Zero is about enforcement too.
- D. Audit: Do we know what the General Fund Balance change of \$504,197 is for? Looks like a major asset. Also, given the already headline-making news on oversight of the RAD development, I would strongly support the suggestion regarding the Tiger Grant funding, "Without evidence of manager reviews, it is difficult to determine that control is operating as designed." Those are the things that stood out with my limited experience.

IV: PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. I've already shared my support for living-wage certified, local manufacturers who are adding above AML jobs.
- B. Biltmore Ave hotel: not seeing anything here that warrants approval other than preservation of historic property. Curious why you only have a drafted motion to approve.
- C. Same as above.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. This is helpful information for bond projects and hopefully for CLT as well. Thank you for your commitment to affordable housing!

Blessings of Peace & Health to You and Your Families in 2019!

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