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I got a fantastic email from J Hackett. I didn't realize he didn't know this was happening until it happened. I meant to send my email earlier (I did debate about just sending it to just the three Councilsisters but I thought it would be best to send it to the whole Council. I really didn't mean to drop it so late, but damn ya'll picked that up and made it happen. You caught a one-yard pass at your own one-yard line and ran it the other 99 yards. That was amazing. I assume you will be at the opening on Saturday.

It occurred to me today Gwen pulled out something that I unpacked at Council back in 2017, and that's charging a rent by the city and having the renter immediately reimbursed with a grant. My pitch at the time was to do this with McCormick Field and have the TDA pick up the bill for the rent under there Tourism Project Fund. Tourist Baseball Team gets charged a real rent by the City, but they still get their "free" stadium courtesy the giant mountain of money at the TDA. The reason McCormick Field came across my radar was because I had asked the campaign staff person (I was running for Mayor) for a list of every property the City had a lease agreement with. In some cases the City was the Lessor and the rest the Lessee. When I looked at our lease with the DeWine Family I noticed that it had expired six months prior, December of 2016. By the time I noticed it, and pointed it out at a Council meeting so there's tape on that, City Manager Jackson was gone and we couldn't renew the lease with an interim manager. Our 27 million dollar asset was being occupied with no active lease. One of the first things Debra Cambpell had to do when she got to her desk was get that up to speed.

Anyway, Gwen just threw it out there, and Brad pretty much confirmed that charging a rent and immediately having grant money available for reimbursement should be easy peasy lemon squeezy. The McCormick Field Lease expires on December 31. It's not a lot of time, but look at what you did in one day. We need to charge $2.5M on that stadium and let the Governor of Ohio figure it out. We just put over $180K into Black Wall Street. We can put 2.5M into the City coffers. We can force the conversation about how sports enterprises extort municipalities.

Looking forward to meeting on Wednesday, hope to see you Saturday and again, thanks.

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