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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Lease, NOT Grant

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Ms Brown:  
Thank you for your email. What I was suggesting was that a market value lease should be standard operating procedure and that this reduction of the lease payment below market value was specific to this tenant and should not be assumed for all tenants.  
I apologize if I was misunderstood.  
Thank you,  
Gwen Wisler

On 10/27/21 9:48 AM, Sandra J W Brown wrote:  
> I have listened closely to city council meetings for several years  
> now. I have been a fairly silent critic of many things decided upon by  
> (mostly) past councils. I was surprised, but very pleased that the  
> city will enter into a LEASE agreement for Grind, LLC at the same rate  
> as several other leases the city holds with various tenants.  
> I absolutely HATE the idea of this being called a grant and was  
> shocked to hear a Councilwoman suggest that it otherwise "sets a  
> precedent for \_\_\_\_\_".  
> I am respectfully asking you, this historic city council, to honor  
> your Lease agreement as our Vice Mayor proposed. From my understanding  
> after the discussion this evening, you have 30 days to make a decision  
> which way to word this contract. Please make the right one. The just  
> one. The honorable one. Calling it a grant instead of treating it like  
> the several other city owned property lease contracts is flat out  
> insulting.  
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> While I'm here, I am asking again to fix the problem of our  
> historically racist, At Large Voting system. As a WNC 'native', I'm  
> aghast that we didn't follow the Law, which would have finally  
> \*reversed\* our Jim Crow Era designed voting system. Especially since,  
> if memory serves, the "at large" system is how our school board will  
> be voted in during the next election? Both of my daughters attend ACS  
> schools and we are watching y'all to make the right decision.  
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> I know it has been said before, and as I said above, you are a  
> historic council, I'm looking at you to make long lasting, positive  
> changes for our community as a whole.  
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> Sandra JW Brown  
> Resident of West Asheville