



City of Saginaw

Meeting Date: 2/07/2017

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Agenda Item: 8
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SUBJECT: Consideration and Action regarding the creation and appointment of a Special Commission to investigate City conduct related to the final plat for Lot 1, Block 1, Saginaw Charter School, 11.903 acres of land located in the Alexander F. Albright Survey, Abstract No. 1849

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Council will consider the request from Councilmember Farr to appoint a Special Commission to investigate City conduct related to the final plat for the Saginaw Charter School.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

Attachments

Letter from Councilmember Farr

January 11, 2017

Dear fellow members of Council,

It is with great concern and a heavy heart that I write this letter of formal grievance to you. Please know that this action has been very difficult to both contemplate and execute.

As you were all aware, both myself and my family have been placed at extreme financial risk as a result of performing my duty as a Councilmember. As you were all served with the same notice as I from both the City Attorney and Counsel retained by a private developer, I acknowledge that you shared in the risk.

In the January 9th Council meeting, I articulated facts and questions regarding the specific matter related to that risk, and exercised my right to demonstrate a good faith action. At the conclusion of my presentation of facts and questions, I alleged that the City acted negligently in its failure to enforce City ordinances. This allegation was not contested by staff members nor consultants present at the meeting, nor was it contested by the developer who was present as well.

At the center of my allegation, was the fact that the Developer submitted and City staff approved a **non-typical** Traffic Impact Analysis that unfairly benefited the Developer by considering data outside the ordinance's **typical** study area, and ignored traffic impacts to major intersections servicing the three subdivisions within the ordinance's **typical** study area. This allegation was originally made public by me at the January 3rd Council meeting, which prompted Councilman Barngrover to initiate a motion to table the action. That motion passed.

Fellow Council Members, our Charter states that it is our duty "to inquire into the conduct of any office, department, or agency of the City and make investigation as to municipal affairs". With this writing, I am requesting that at the next scheduled council meeting, the Council consider and approve the appointment of a special commission to investigate my uncontested allegation. I am requesting that this be an independent commission made of members who are **NOT** influenced in any way by City Staff, City Officers, City Consultants, Mayor nor Councilmembers. Further, I am requesting that upon the conclusion of its investigation, the commission issue a report to the Council articulating the commission's findings.

I am deeply concerned that the consequences of this negligence will have long term financial and public safety impacts to the community. Additionally, I believe it would be a terrible disservice and statement of disrespect to our fellow community members' intellect, concern and appeals if this uncontested allegation is ignored. I hope that you will consider my requests.

Most Kind Regards,
Patrick Farr
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