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Subject: [EXTERNAL] SPPC - MTG June 7 - Agenda Item 2.4 - Core Area Action Plan UNBUDGETED ADD

City Clerks Office >. Please consider this as an added addenda submission for the upcoming June 7th – SPPC MTG with respect to the unbudgeted addition of \$ 1.055 Million in support for the Core Area action plan as outlined in the report from three (3) of our top Deputy City Managers . Consider this request as approved to add to Council agenda with full public disclosure approved .

Mayor Holder - SPPC Council Members ;

As a taxpayer , please acknowledge that absolutely every single initiative to support the “ Core Area Action Plan “ from that program’s inception to now , has been launched with the significant 1st year funding from various “ one time “ reserve funds for one year only ; before transferring those Operating Costs under the umbrella of our general Operating Budget the following years with extremely little disclosure to taxpayers on the now almost \$ 6 .0 Million annual tax supported (1.0 % of my taxes) added costs of this program . This funding template and that process for this program’s growth must stop at this Council meeting and I am reaching out as a taxpayer to ask for the following leadership from my Council as this meeting ;

1. Decide and debate NOW – is there anything in this added support recommendation including the hiring of addition permanent staff (not contract staff) that any Councillor would consider a “ one time initiative “ while considering this program’s past funding requirements and history ? I think the answer will be NO as there is ZERO RECO in this report with respect to any performance milestone / hurdle / metric to remove funding !

2. That said , it’s time this Council stops the one year limited funding charade and looks at more permeant funding for this program and this additional \$1.055 million to protect taxpayers from an already budgeted forecast a 3.8 % tax increase in our 2023 tax supported budget ! Please consider one or more of the following if you proceed with your approval ;

>> Go back to taxpayers with an approved interim assessment increase for the current 2022 tax year.

>> Find \$1.055 in program savings by reducing funding in another approved program.

>> Approve this now with the RECO to draw from the \$ 7.0 Million 2021 budget surplus reserve fund that should have been returned to tax payers to offset our 2.8 % increase this year BUT with the agreement NOW that if this funding is approved to continue for the 2023 year this full cost is transferred to Assessment Value Growth Fund for 2023 year. As a taxpayer I see ZERO difference between funding or growing Pollice Budget @ the Assessment Value Growth fund and this program as both are targeting security .

>> Approve now with a commitment to draw from future Assessment Value Growth Fund with no support from the OP’s Budget Reserve fund.

I fully appreciate your consideration & patience with this submission but I am one and done with “ Furniture Store – One Year Free Payments Plans “ this Council has increasingly used to roll out new programs their & delta changes.

THXS – Chris Butler – 863 Waterloo St .