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Mayor and Council:

I would like to apologize for the how the Columbia SIZ discussion was presented. Had we known that Council was not aware of the program in general, or the specific Columbia application, it would have been handled differently. With that said, we are where we are.

It would be great if we can now move forward in a professional and effective manner. Let's show the community that we are an organization that can make tough decisions and even recover from a kerfuffle. Let's also show the development/business community that we are a reliable partner.

As noted at the Council meeting, please let me know what questions you need answered so we can provide you with a comprehensive block of information on Feb. 5. Information requested at the last Council meeting included:

1. How does our specific SIZ work
2. What tax dollars/incentives are in play
3. Was the Columbia application filed in a timely manner
4. How does the community service fee process work

To make sure that we provide you and the community with accurate information, please direct your inquires directly to me. I will work with staff on the inquires. Rather than providing piecemeal information, we will batch up all of your questions and present them in one report.

A key aspect of this discussion is that we are participating in a program that was authorized by the City that has very specific parameters. We can have a discussion at a future date about the SIZ or other business recruitment tools, but for now, we need to work with the existing program and rules.

Scott

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