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Happy Friday!

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Ms. Gilg:

Thank you for your Public Records Request. As the Clerk-Treasurer is out of the office this next week, the City has asked that I respond to you and acknowledge receipt of this request.

I am unsure how the City intends to handle the fee issue involved, but I intend to discuss this matter in more detail with the City by early next week, so that we can provide you (and others) some clarity on this issue. I hope that CAO Markegard, the Mayor, or myself will be able to have you a response on that component of the pending issues by Tuesday/Wednesday of next week.

Regardless of the fee issue involved, the City is continuing to gather responsive documents, and I'm hopeful that, as those documents are gathered, this information will be provided on the City's website repository. In addition, to the extent not already accomplished, individual responses will be sent to each Public Records Request, with the links to the provided documents.

I recognize your concerns on the nature of organization involved here, as well as various other matters that you note. I also respectfully ask for your patience through this process the next week, as the Clerk-Treasurer already had a planned absence from the office, and that may slightly delay the City's ability to respond this week. But, the City is working hard to try to get these pending matters addressed.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions and/or feedback. Your (and others) comments are being heard by the Mayor, CAO Markegard, City Staff, City Council, and myself. The City is doing its best to work through a complex situation, and while I fully appreciate and understand that much of the "behind the scenes work" on these matters is not seen by constituents, the City is committed to a better path forward for everyone involved.

Thank you, and I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Best Regards,

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