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Mayor Kalb:

We were copied with Councilman Mollette's letter to you dated November 2, 2005. I would like to respond to issues concerning the Engineering Department.

When the Dialysis Center was constructed at the north corner of 17th Street and Waller, the Engineering Department certainly did address the issue of parking for the facility. This was addressed before actual construction.

I informed Mr. Mollette when he came into our office a few days ago that yes, we will review the design drawings for a permit prior to construction when and if SOMC submits plans to construct a parking lot at the south corner of 17th and Waller Street, as approved by the City Planning Commission. This is standard procedure for every project. Contractors, Owners, and Architects are certainly given adequate information and direction in a timely matter prior to their construction of any project. In this particular case of a possible new parking lot, our Engineering staff first informed SOMC no permits could be issued without the Planning Commission's approval.

The Engineering Department Building staff knows the Building Codes, Regulations and City Codified Ordinances and addresses all issues before construction. I am sorry if Councilman Mollette believes we do not know enough to discuss serious issues before issuing permits. I would like to assure you and all other Council Members our State Certified Building Department- consisting of State Certified Building Inspectors and State Certified Building Official- knows the importance of their jobs. They have and will continue to provide SOMC and any other company within our community with adequate information and direction for construction within our City.



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