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Ms. Rita Sparks
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Re: **Thanks**

Thanks for taking the time to express your concerns. I appreciate a vocal public because it indicates a desire for change. The expectations of our City government must be raised. I believe in holding our City accountable. The taxpayers are owed accountability. Accountability is the only way to return integrity and respect to our City government.

I also believe communication is the key to our success. We must continue to find ways to inform and create an environment that encourages public involvement. Citizens must be able to hold their government in check. This can only be done if they are well informed.

I encourage you to discuss this issue with the Mayor. The Mayor is responsible to address the issues concerning staffing. I did not relay your comments to provide privacy as needed. I am concerned about accountability and wasted tax dollars but Section 33 of the City Charter "*Council Not To Interfere in Appointments or Removals*" prohibits this activity by members of Council. I will request accountability when taxpayer dollars are requested of Council concerning expenses associated with this issue.

Thanks again for your kind words and encouragement for Teresa (Concerned 3rd Ward Citizen) and myself. Thank You!!

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Council

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cc: Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)