

Re: Veto In Part of Resolution 2022-001 (Reprimand of Mayor)

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VETO of Resolution of Reprimand of Mayor 2022-001 .pdf;

Dear City Council & Clerk:

Please accept this written notice of my **Veto In-Part for Resolution 2202-001 (Reprimand of the Mayor)**.

According to City Attorney Hyman's opinion below, As Mayor I may — under our City Charter/City Code of Ordinances, Sec. 3.21(d) — "line item veto' sections of Ordinance and/or Resolution." As such, I am exercising both my power *and* my restraint by issuing a "line item veto;" deleting the following words and phrases from Resolution 2022-001.

The goal of eliminating the following words is to both perfect the record of my actions *and* what I believe to be the legal facts of the matter when those actions were taken — yet still recognizing City Council's hurt and accepting your condemnation for the part I played in it.

I do not believe that simply requesting Letters of Resignation violated our City Charter in any way. However, I do believe — as I stated publically at the end of our January 8 Work Session — it was inconsiderate of me not to make Council aware of my position on such a consequential matter before speaking about it publicly.

With that stated, I am proposing we enter Resolution 2022-001 into the record with **the following deletions**:

Page 2, 4th Whereas paragraph, deleting line: "nor use the Communications Department" (I did not use any items from Communications. Even the podium I spoke at on January 4 did not come from City Hall.)

Page 2, 5th Whereas paragraph, deleting lines: "directly violates, contradicts and/or contravenes the City Charter that has established a City Council - City Manager form of government as set forth in the following provisions...." and all the lines that follow until the first Whereas paragraph on the following page. (I do not believe I violated our City Charter).

Page 3, 1st Whereas paragraph, deleting lines: "'s blatant disregard for the City Charter, its elected officials, appointed employees and department heads; and" (Again, I do not believe I violated our Charter. And certainly that care I took to explain repeatedly that "I do not have the power to fire the City Manager or Clerk" is evidence of some regard for our City Charter.")

It troubles me greatly that both the First Ordinance *and* First Resolution passed by our City Council in our New Year focused on us (City Council) and not our citizens, our People; was divisive and not unifying; and created negative and not positive press for our city. I recommit to you all to do everything I can to change the trend we have begun... and am believing in each of you to do the same. I look forward to seeing you all next Friday for our Council Night Out!

Those in power can kill one, two or a hundred roses. But they cannot stop the coming of Spring.

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