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Subject: Staff reports related to Code for Asheville presentation

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Hi Cathy,

I understand the reports will not be complete prior to the April 24th Council meeting. Would it not be possible to share what information we do have, allowing Patrick to make a more informed presentation to full Council.Â

Thanks Brian

> On Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 8:12 AM, Cathy Ball <cball@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
> Brian,
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> Patrick is correct.Â We have been working on a response but do not have it complete.Â Â
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> We did not want to hold Patrick up from moving forward to Council on the April 24th so we planned to finalize the cost information and verify the data that can be released.Â We hope to get the information to Council in the next few weeks.
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> I apologize for the the delay.Â Please let me know if you have additional questions.
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> On Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 2:16 PM, Brian Haynes <brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com> wrote:
> Hi Cathy, Could you please clarify this for us. Thanks Brian.
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> From: **Patrick Conant** <patrick@prcapps.com>
> Date: Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 12:16 PM
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> Members of the Public Safety Committee,Â
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> Thank you for hearing my presentation on March 26th related to Code for Asheville's Petition for Police Accountability Through Data Transparency. After my presentation, the Public Safety Committee requested that staff generate reports on cost and other considerations of our request, to be presented to City Council at the same meeting as my presentation before full City Council.Â
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> I emailed the City Clerk earlier this week requesting a copy of those reports in advance of the meeting, so that I could be fully prepared to present. Today I learned that staff will not be generating any reports in advance of the April 24th meeting, and I wanted to express my concerns around this process.Â
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> While I understand that Council typically hears a presentation and then requests additional reports from staff, I felt that my prior presentation to Public Safety provided enough context for a staff report to be compiled. Furthermore, I thought that the Public Safety Committee made a clear request for staff reports to be presented at the same meeting as my presentation, without any objections from staff members present.Â
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> I'm disappointed in the change in process, and the lack of advance communication regarding that shift. I'm also frustrated that I will not be able to provide clarification in response to staff reports during my presentation, and will instead have to do so during public comment at a subsequent meeting. I feel that this process introduces unnecessary delays in our City process and makes it more difficult for the public to engage in our local government process.Â
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> I felt it was important to express these concerns to you; withÂ all of that being said, I will proceed with preparing for my presentation, and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday!Â
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> Thank you,
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