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Sincerely,
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From: Joanne Philbrick
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Let me start by asking why the agenda was not posted until 11 AM on Friday. Does not really give concerned citizens adequate time to research.

Second. I really don't expect a reply as most of you NEVER answer my e-mails. You are ALL elected/hired to do a job. Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with what some of us have to say, you are still PUBLIC SERVANTS. The taxpayers basically sign your check. Thank you to Alderman DeLucia and Wilson for responding to my last inquiry regarding the fire study.

I reviewing the agenda I was shocked to read that some of you are STILL proposing resolutions that require outlays of cash in these troubling times.

Case in point: Removing money for police cruisers in order to bump up an allocation for tennis courts is in a word DISGUSTING. Tennis courts? Really. Guess the wants of a few well positioned citizens is more important than public safety. Remember the grant for the rowing shells? They have sat, along with a brand new pick up truck, for what 10 years or so. Just sitting there. Not used by anyone. Hows that working out? Or what about the Chelsea Botanical Gardens. Another Norwich folly about to be reincarnated as a Golf Frisbee course. And what about Derbygate? An article in today's Bulletin puts the legal fees at over 3 million dollars. Where is the questioning/accountability????

How about this one. No rental payments for the day care center for April, May, June because they have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Guess who else has been impacted? The taxpayers. Where is our relief???? And did you know that this entity DOES NOT participate in subsidized child care. And they are not a non-profit. They are a LLC. Why are you so generous with the taxpayers money????

Why are you increasing the funding for the School Facilities Building by \$60,000 and Otis Library by \$25,000. Did you forget about the endowment fund for Otis????

So many questions and NO answers.

Let me remind you once again. I have sat where you sit now. I have been privy to caucus gatherings and executive sessions where the real conversations take place. The only difference between us is that I speak my truth. I don't owe anybody anything and I don't ask for anything in return. I have witnessed well paid city employees roll their eyes and give the finger to citizens who call in with questions/concerns. I have watched elected officials talk about cutting certain departments to the bone in private, but do a complete about face when in public. I have been told by certain individuals to STOP calling them out by name. Sorry. Like I've said before, you can shut me down, but you can't shut me up.

These are extraordinary times that call for true leadership. Surrounding towns are cutting budes and furloughing employees, nut not here in Norwich. Tax and spend. Ten tax and spend some more.

It's time to step up and do the right thing. Not what will feather your own political agenda or job security.

I will look forward to some type of response.

Joanne Philbrick

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