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Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Linda

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments? (if known):: City meeting on preliminary plan and budget review - Nov. 28th, 2023

Comments:

I would like my letter submitted on record for the budget deliberations. The letter is attached Thank you

Attachments:

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

14th November, 2023

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

Budget deliberations are upon you and I commend all of the work that you do to make this difficult task result in a positive impact on the lives of all residents.

I have been following the deliberations and find myself thinking about what is important to me. The urban forest happens to be one of those things. I have grandchildren who I hope will continue to enjoy living in this community throughout their lives. With our warming climate which will affect all of us I understand the need for a mechanism to keep our streets and parks cool now and into the future. We already have something in place to do just that. The big trees need to be maintained and protected. We also need to consider more planting in the newer neighborhoods to avoid a heat island effect considering all of the buildings and concrete in those areas. A few thoughts that I have for budget preservation are:

- Dutch Elm Disease Free disposal of elm wood to ensure less risk of spreading DED through home wood storage.
- Maintain the previous level of contribution to the Urban Forestry Reserve Fund (\$350,000) - This is important to have money available with an increase in invasive pests.
- Pruning cycle is maintained to ensure healthy trees and as a way to monitor for insects and disease.

I hope that you will consider the important role that trees play in our city and the impact they have on all of us. Keeping us cool, sheltering us, providing wildlife habitat and providing a positive impact on our mental health and well being when we live under their canopy has to be reason enough to keep the funding for this important asset.

Sincerely,

Linda Moskalyk