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Date May 22, 2023
To Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary
Subject Deferral of Agenda Item 44 – May 24, 2023 City Council Meeting

In accordance with Section 7.11 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, please defer agenda item 44 scheduled for consideration at the May 24, 2023 City Council meeting.

I am a firm believer that Ethics rules be reviewed and amended as a way to improve government effectiveness, increase transparency and preserve the public's trust. In this spirit I am deferring this item for the following reasons:

- A) The entire Council and Mayor should have a full briefing of the body of the whole to be able to ask questions publicly.
- B) The last time Council Rules and Procedures was briefed was on October 19, 2022 – Item A: City Council Rules of Procedure - Public Speakers.
- C) The general public should have an opportunity to weigh in and give their opinions on ethics rules changes in public in front of their duly elected representatives.
- D) The proposed changes were not posted on the agenda for the committee, public or City Council on the City Secretary website or Legistar.
- E) The City Attorney's office stated during the hearing that they were unable to provide handouts most likely due to the ransomware attack.
- F) The ad hoc committee presentation has been posted by video on the city website but the presentation has not been posted and the presentation is difficult to read on the video presentation.
- G) With two new Council Members joining the Council, the newly duly elected representatives for those districts should have a vote by their incoming Council Member.

If you need additional information, please let me know.



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