Council Questions/Comments and Staff Responses Report for November 10, 2014

as of November 10, 2014 at 12:00 (Noon)

REGULAR AGENDA

Alderman: Scott Black

Item: 8B B. Purchase of Lots 47 and 48 of Empire Business Park Preliminary Plat utilizing a \$750,000 state legislative grant from Senator Bill Brady and to enter into an Agreements with Central Catholic High School.

Question/Comment: 1.) Who owns the land and does the entity have a connection with Senator Brady? 2.) Will Senator Brady be in attendance, if not who will be speaking in support of the plan. In my opinion there was at least moderate opposition from the Council.

Staff Response: 1.) The City is purchasing the land, through a legislative grant from Senator Brady, from Deneen Brothers, developer. Staff is not aware of any connections. The developer is being represented by Coldwell Banker Realtor Greg Yount. Neither Senator Brady nor his company has any financial interest in this transaction.

2.) Senator Brady will not be attending tonight's meeting. Realtor Greg Yount and Sean Foster, Central Catholic High School Principal are expected to attend.

It should be noted that purchase also eliminates one half of the commission fee.

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