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RE: 350 Highway TIF Issues – Raytown Fire Protection District

Dear Joe,

I met with Chris Williams on Monday, thinking that I would be reviewing the City's response to the TIF issues raised by the Fire District in the District's past meeting with you, Chris Williams, and Mark Loughry, as well as a full accounting of TIF receipts and disbursements, corroborated by bank statements. While Chris was absolutely as helpful as he could be, I ended up leaving the meeting with none of the above. From my conversation with Chris, and the extensive conversations I have had with Chief Mace this week, I think there may be a great deal of miscommunication, or lack of communication, between the City and the District at this point. Just as an example, Chris said he was told that the District had been given the names of all members on the TIF Commission, and the Fire District has in fact never received any information regarding the membership of the TIF Commission.

The District feels that it would be best, and in furtherance of the public interest in resolving these TIF issues, if all interested parties could sit down together as soon as possible to review and attempt to resolve the issues raised by the Fire District. After meeting with Chris, I feel that he has a good grasp of exactly what the issues are, and the accounting information that we are requesting. We would like this special meeting to include the full Board of Aldermen, the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Director of Finance, the Fire District Board, the Chief and Deputy Chief, and attorneys for all parties. We would like to have a full accounting of receipts and disbursements for this TIF project, dated and corroborated by bank statements, with copies for all parties at the meeting.

As Chief Mace stated in a public message last night, the District's "goal is and has always been to have an open, honest and transparent discussion with the City of Raytown which results in an equitable solution, which honors the commitments made in 2007 and ensures that every dollar the public trusts us with is accounted for." As I'm sure the City shares this goal, I think an informed meeting with all parties would go a long way in furtherance of this mutual goal.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best personal regards,

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cc: Chris Williams, TIF Attorney