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Hon. Kathy Holston  
Oakridge City Hall  
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RE: Public Comment, September 16, 2021

Dear Mayor Holston:

I wish to make a public comment, or rather a question, at the next City Council Meeting, presently scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021. I will not be available to attend the meeting personally or by zoom and therefore ask that either you or our City Administrator, Bryan Cutchen, read my question on my behalf. Thank you.

My question is directed to Councilor Dawn Kinyon and is as follows:

Councilor Kinyon, I understand that you believe you found an error in the budget accounting presented by Mr. Eric Kytola, our City Finance Director, and Mr. Bryan Cutchen, our City Administrator. You publicly announced that you had done research regarding the budget figures and that they were wrong, and they were misleading the council and the citizens of Oakridge.

These are my questions:

Upon discovering the error or errors in the presented figures, did you contact either Mr. Kytola or Mr. Cutchen to address their error(s) and tell them of your independent findings?

If you did contact them, what did they tell you?

If you did not communicate with either of them prior to telling us they were wrong, why did you not discuss your findings with them before publicly announcing they had made a mistake?

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What was your reasoning or motivation for not discussing your findings with them?

Did you then, or do you now believe that you were doing a service to your constituents, by concealing your findings until you presented them at a public meeting?

Do you have any special training or education which qualifies you to evaluate a city's budget? Do you have any specific experience with accounting principles that qualifies you to evaluate a city's budget?

And finally, did you consult with anyone else, friend, constituent or accounting expert prior to determining and publicly announcing that the City Administrator and City Finance Director had made a mistake in presenting the budget.

Thank you. That is all

Very truly yours,

Gary R. Carl

pc: Mr. Bryan Cutchen, C.A.  
Mr. Eric Kytola, Fin. Dir.