

While I understand the rationale behind this budget amendment request, I have concerns about its timing. The City determined on August 12 that the level of response required professional assistance.

The contractor in question was dispatched and began offering services an entire month prior to the City Council adopting the budget and plan of municipal services for fiscal 2017 on September 13th.

Although the final costs of these professional services were not known, I do feel that this expenditure request as an estimate could've been discussed and included in the City Council's deliberations during the budget season.

Over the past several years, I have seen time after time, high-ticket expenditure requests come before this governing body at what seems to be very strategically determined times.

These concerns have led me to oppose this agenda item.

Best,

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