

March 16, 2016

The Honorable Mayor Jeannette Bell
and Members of the Common Council
7525 West Greenfield Avenue
West Allis WI 53214

Subject: City Services (Priority Setting Session of Committee of the Whole
on June 12, 2006)

Dear Mayor Bell and Common Council Members:

Attached to this letter is a summary of the ranking done by all eleven (11) of you following our Priority Setting Session of the Committee of the Whole last year on June 12, 2006. The list was divided into twenty-three (23) sections with sublistings under each. You were asked to rank them 3, 2, or 1, with 3 being the highest ranked service priority and 1 being the lowest ranked service priority. As a reminder, some of the services listed had an M or F noted with it, which meant "mandated" or "funded separately."

The results of the priority ranking of the City services can be summarized as follows:

- 1.) Most of the services were ranked "3," the highest service priority.
- 2.) A few were ranked as "2," a medium service priority.
- 3.) None were ranked as "1," the lowest service priority.

The conclusion I would make from these results is that all the City services are important to you, only a very few are somewhat important, and none are not important.

Based on this conclusion, I would suggest we end this process at this point at this time. If the results and conclusions would have been different, I may have recommended some further follow up exercise on our part. As it is, I think we should just accept the process as an exercise we tried to see if it were helpful in prioritizing City services and funding and tax support for those services. There is not enough "difference" in your prioritizing to use them to further the initial objective of possibly eliminating some services and their related expenses.

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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this regard. If you have any comments, questions, or further thoughts, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Ziehler,
City Administrative Officer
Clerk/Treasurer

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Attachment
cc: Department/Division Heads

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