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Subject: New eComment for City Council Meeting

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Bob Atkins submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Meeting

Item: 2a) REPORT 20-0021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

eComment: I completely concur with all of Howard Longacre's comments (submitted earlier) regarding the deplorable state of the council minutes resulting in a lack of transparency. It is also clear that Suja Lowenthal is not able to perform the duties of City Manager and this is resulting in the departure of key city staff as a result of overloading, lack of management and low morale. Clearly, Ms. Lowenthal's part-time, telecommuting work schedule is proving to be inadequate to be able to manage the city staff or hire replacement staff in a timely manner. Even if the perfect candidate is found, it would take weeks if not months for a new hire to be brought up to speed so it is vital not to lose key staff in the first place! Clearly, neither Stacey or Justin are willing to recognize the inability of the city manager they hired to do the job. Then again, neither of them nor any other council members have any experience running an organization of any size so, the results we are witnessing are predictable. How much further down the drain are you willing to let our city go?