



Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor

October 14, 2015

Dear Council President Wooden,

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 14th 2015. I concur with you regarding the serious issues that have been raised about the City's Department of Development Services' handling of the Dillon Stadium project. Specifically, the vetting of Black Diamond Consulting Group, its principal, and the processing of invoices from the Premier Sports Management Group (Premier). It should be noted the City does not have, nor ever had, a contract with Black Diamond. Our contract is with Premier who has indicated that they are willing to reconcile any issues discovered and return any monies owed to the City. It was in the process of vetting Black Diamond's proposed role in the project that these issues came to light.

Last week I ordered an immediate investigation of this matter. This included asking Thomas Deller, Director of Development Services to stop the project from moving forward, asking Police Chief James Rovella to investigate for any possible criminal wrong doing and contacting the City's external independent auditor, McGladrey, LLP to undertake a forensic audit. I have also asked Mr. Deller to provide me with any and all information that would suggest other development projects being impacted by this matter. At the moment, that appears not the case.

It is premature to take any personnel action without having all the facts. Moreover, as you know, it may expose the City to civil liability. While I am very disturbed at some the facts that have emerged thus far, I strongly believe that we need to give those who are responsible for investigating these transactions and processes time to provide an analysis of what has transpired. With those facts in hand, I will not hesitate to take whatever administrative action is necessary as I trust those who are conducting the administrative and criminal investigation will do the same.

I welcome an opportunity for you and I to sit down in person and discuss these sensitive issues.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pedro E. Segarra", is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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