

WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THREE SECTIONS OF THE INVESTIGATOR BE PUT UP ON THE BOARD TO ENSURE FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT. AND I WILL READ OUT WHAT THESE PAGES SAY AND ATTACH THEM TO MY NOTES AND GIVE TO THE CLERK AT THE END OF THE DELEGATION.

READ THREE PAGES

PUBLIC AND COUNCIL WILL NOTE THAT THE INVESTIGATION REPORT IS AS IS NORMAL ONLY ADDRESSED TO THE CLERK, SAMANTHA YEW. SHE IS ALSO THE PERSON WHO IS OFFICIALLY DEPENDED ON BY COUNCIL TO GIVE ADVICE, OR AT LEAST THAT IS HOW IT USED TO BE. WE HAVE BECOME CONCERNED SINCE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO BEING WHETHER THIS IS STILL THE CASE OR WHETHER COUNCIL OR PERHAPS THE MAYOR PREFER MR. HURLEY'S ADVICE OVER THAT OF THE MAYOR. RARELY HAVE WE HEARD THE CITY SOLICITOR'S VOICE IN COUNCIL WHEN IT COMES TO ADVICE ON

INTERPRETATION OF THE LEGISLATION THAT GOVERNS HOW THIS COUNCIL ACTS IN THESE CHAMBERS.

WE ARE NOT REALLY SURE HOW SHE STANDS ON THE POSITIONS PUT FORWARD BY MR. HURLEY AT CoW YESTERDAY.

WE ARE NOT REALLY SURE WHETHER IT IS A STAFF POSITION OR A MAYOR REQUEST THAT IS BEHIND THE SUGGESTION BY MS YEW AND MR. HURLEY THAT WE NEED TO TRY AND CHANGE THE MUNICIPAL ACT IN TERMS OF NOTICE WHEN HIRING A CAO.

WE ARE TOTALLY AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THE REASONING BEHIND THE TRYING TO HAVE ALL COUNCILLORS ATTEND THE INTERVIEW WHEN THE HIRING OF THE CAO WAS A STRONG MAYOR DECISION 04-2024 AND THE MAYOR HAS RESISTED DELEGATING THIS TO COUNCIL DESPITE A WELL

SUPPORTED PETITION AND A MAJORITY OF COUNCIL FORMALLY EXPRESSED THEIR OPINION THAT IT SHOULD BE DELEGATED.

WE BELIEVE THIS COUNCIL SHOULD FIRMLY OPPOSE THE MAYOR WRITING TO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO HAVE THE MUNICIPAL ACT CHANGED.

WE BELIEVE THE INVESTIGATOR SHOULD BE INVITED TO COUNCIL WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCIL TO HEAR FROM HIM DIRECTLY WHY HE WAS THE INVESTIGATOR AND NOT THE ONE HIRED BY COUNCIL TO FULFIL THIS ROLE.

THIS COUNCIL HAS HEARD FROM THE LECTERN THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH THE FORMER CAO AND MR. HURLEY REGARDING EVIDENCE OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH 239 (7) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND OUR EFFORTS TO AVOID AN INVESTIGATION AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS TO NO AVAIL.

OUR EFFORTS FAILED AND YOU WILL AT SOME POINT
IN THE FUTURE AGAIN BE DISCUSSING AN
INVESTIGATION REPORT FROM A MUNICIPAL
OMBUDSMAN AS TO WHETHER THE MUNICIPALITY IS
MISTAKENLY OR DELIBERATELY DEFYING THE
MUNICIPAL ACT OR AT ALL. AN ACT THE
LEGISLATORS AND THOSE WHO ARE GUIDED BY IT
BELIEVES SUPPORT TRANSPARENCY AND,
THEREFORE, THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES SO MANY
HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO DEFEND.