

Hi, I'm Mark Hennon, Seattle author and computer consultant

My concern, as a taxpayer, is financial transparency and the environment.

Three things on agenda Item 4B stick out:

1) "Equipment - copy machine rental" -- \$460,000. Is this per month, or per year? What can be done to reduce this? It must consume tons of trees. What about double-sided printing? What about printing to PDFs instead of paper? Why not eliminate color printing?

2) "Furniture" --\$305,000. Again, per month or year? Furniture for whom?

3) "Environmental Remediation" --\$321,000. Which is less than the copy machines that pollute the environment. And just 40 percent of the \$816,000 spent for "Software."

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Separately, on agenda Item 4E:

1) There's a \$19,000 mistake. Alternative Two says the five-year cost for a full-time Project Manager is \$802,000. Alternative Three says it's \$783,000.

2) Radical differences: Alternative One says do nothing. Alternative Two says spend \$803,000. Alternative Three jumps to \$15 million.

3) Instead of spending \$15 million for consultants, the commission might consider saving \$9 million by approving one or two employees, plus a \$5 million fund for consultants.

An on-site manager means continuity and coordination--like a floor manager in a factory. Someone who knows the ins-and-outs of the business.

Consultants do a specific task, then leave. Their outside knowledge has to be merged into the workings of the entire operation, and it takes someone with boots on the ground to do that properly.

In a time of change, \$15 million for services five years in advance-- seems like putting a very expensive cart before the horse.

I'm Mark Hennon. Thank you for your time and consideration.