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**Subject:** Council email policy

Dear Mayor Holic and Council Members;

A couple of meetings ago, City Council changed its email policy regarding who council members shall copy when sending emails. The new policy is that when a council member sends an email, that member shall copy all members of council. No other council member may respond to an email sent by a council member that deals with city business.

While this email policy has some advantages, it is apparent that it has some disadvantages as well. One of the disadvantages is that it precludes a council member from responding to a matter that the member feels is important. Based upon this, an alternative for your consideration would be to have a policy where a council member would never copy another council member. To ensure compliance, a council member would never hit the “reply all” button.

Regardless of the policy chosen, the over-arching consideration is that all discussions among city council members regarding city business needs to occur at a properly called city council meeting. I'd like to place this on council action at your next meeting to either change or affirm your existing council email policy.

In the meantime thank you for your patience and restraint in complying with the sunshine law and your council email policy.

Respectfully,

Dave

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