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Subject: Motion for a delay
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Dear Councilors Seaver and Swanton,

Both of you have expressed your opposition to the new parking plan that takes effect on Thursday. As you are most-likely aware, my request for the temporary restraining order was denied but I filed a motion for a preliminary injunction on Friday. Unfortunately, it does not seem that the judge will hear arguments before the 1st. I am trying to save the City money and if the City were to delay its implementation of the plan, then there would be no need to install/use the kiosk meters or the handheld devices. We would also save $52/mo per kiosk meter, assuming the contract was written in a way that allows the City to halt install while ongoing litigation persists.

I ask that one of you present a motion to delay the implementation of the plan until the judge rules on the preliminary injunction. If the injunction is granted, the parking plan will be halted and the City will need to return to the plan that was in place on Sept 17th. If the City is confident that they will be successful in the Court, then there is no reason that they cannot delay it for a few more weeks. This would go a long way in showing the Citizens that the City is listening to their concerns and wants to do what is right. The plan was hastily approved and set to be implemented only 44 days later.

The City Manager's statement last week stated that after listening to the citizens, the plan is what the citizens wanted. I cannot find any evidence proving this. In fact, the evidence points towards the opposite. The City saw more of a turnout for Council meetings this past Spring than many councilors remember seeing at any other time. In addition, the parking specific meetings had strong turnout. Combining the citizen comments from theses meetings, the Council meetings, and the social media posts on the City's own Facebook page, you will be hard-pressed to find a single positive comment related to this plan. The City Manager's baseless claim is not only insulting to the citizens who attended these meetings and voted overwhelmingly against paid parking in 2014, but he cannot substantiate it and this new plan was adopted because of his claim.

Thank you for your time and best wishes,

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