

Good Morning,

Thank you for your service as we move forward in yet another financial troubling year. As many know, I was opposed to moving to a Biennial budget in 2023 as did Jim and many other citizens. Earlier this year, I also sent you and Mayor Rosen the 2011 annual budget illustrating that the City DID go to an annual basis once I was on Council as the City was in worst financial shape then it is today. In that email, I did say I would be writing a Diane's Corner piece on why the Council should implement Annual Budget now and currently I am finishing that piece and fact checking. With the potential "large expense" of a consultant for a financial recovery plan, I suggest you read this white paper written by Mike Bailey and clearly look at the PROS of an annual budget and also think of how much staff and Council time was spent shoring up last year's "biennial" update. I have left Mayor Rosen off of this email as it's obvious he doesn't listen to any of us that understand municipal finance or if he does – lacks the ability to tell his Finance Director that the software can be "manipulated with plug numbers" which can be disregarded considering the City is still in a financial crisis and there is yet to be a recovery plan. You may want to use an Annual Budget AND then hire the consultant for the recovery plan.

Thank you for your service, it's really time to implement change and financial foresight as Council HAS the power to change current practices.

Cheer,

Diane