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The problem is not just CVS. The entire intersection should be a thriving commercial hub for the Midway community; clearly it is not. Abandoned CVS is a drug den; the green building, a former Applebees, always has vacancies; the used book store, which has been there forever, generates very minimal commercial traffic; then there is there loon - how fitting - looney!

If you were an investor looking to start a successful commercial business, what would you want and expect? First, security-24/7-arrest and prosecute lawbreakers, no drug addicts, no homeless. A low property tax rate. Support services such as sanitation, emergency services, etc.

This is the complete opposite of the approach of the mayor and city council. The objection is we cannot afford to do it. To the contrary, we cannot afford not to do it if we want a viable, prosperous commercial in Midway.

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