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All,

My first reaction to the article in today's Pioneer Press is that the City's response sounds a lot like a big corporation. Need to cut costs --- layoff a bunch of workers, not the more costly administrators. Actually, I heard about the bloat at the top of the fire department from a fire fighter. Often a new chief of this and another chief of that ... It sounds like the City is unwilling to cut any of the costs related to projects, especially any pet projects. Also, by the way, where are those "high-quality city services " that we supposedly have become accustomed to? Bad roads, evaporating downtown, crime and \$100M in maintenance backlog. Does that sound like the city is delivering high-quality services?

My hope is that the City Councilmembers don't give in to the fear mongering and continue to push to cut the proposed items that only increase the debt load and will require new property taxes to maintain and operate.

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