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Council member,

Here are my and my neighbor's suggestions for cuts to the proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Budget. If you have any questions, please contact me.

You can expect pushback from staff about the cuts and hiring freeze. However, this is par for the course for managing public organizations and forces management to prioritize activities. Once it becomes clearer what the impact of property valuations are in downtown, you and your colleagues will have a better feel of what residents can bear in property tax increases in 2026 and beyond. Until then, we think it is wise to be cautious and hold the line on spending and bonding, and delay spending any money for the planning and design for any new park and recreation facilities, such as the River Learning Center, River Walk and Athletic Complex, which will require property tax dollars for operating and programming.

Thanks for your consideration.

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