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Dear Council Members,

I want to express my appreciation for the dedication and engagement demonstrated by La Crosse City Council Member Jenasea Hameister during today's City Plan Commission meeting. Ms. Hameister's commitment to transparency and clarity in the decision-making process is commendable, and her willingness to address confusion and misinformation surrounding a proposed ordinance reflects a sincere concern for the well-being of our community.

During the meeting, Council President and other council members raised important questions related to the ordinance, seeking guidance from the legal department. Unfortunately, the desired clarification was not immediately available and it was stated that legal would be consulted tomorrow and "report back." Despite this, the council proceeded with a vote, resulting in a 4-3 decision to advance the ordinance to J&A meeting tomorrow.

While I acknowledge the complexities of local government procedures, I, like many others, am troubled by the decision to move forward without obtaining crucial information. Responsible governance demands a thorough understanding of the matters at hand, especially when it involves potential impacts on our community.

As an engaged citizen observing the proceedings virtually, I was taken aback by the sequence of events. The council's acknowledgment of confusion, coupled with the decision to proceed without resolution, raises concerns about the effectiveness of our local leadership. It is essential that we prioritize a transparent and accountable decision-making process to uphold the trust and confidence of the community.

I believe in the importance of acknowledging our limitations and seeking clarity before making significant decisions. Neglecting to address important questions and concerns undermines the principles of responsible governance. As we look towards the J&A Committee meeting vote tomorrow, I encourage our leaders to reflect on the need for comprehensive information and thoughtful deliberation to ensure the best interests of our community are served.

In partnership,

Tina Schumaker