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Jamie, Julia and Council,

The agenda for the City Council Meeting tomorrow evening does not make sense.

As there are no minutes available for the 1/9/25 meeting, I re-watched the decision made at 2:31 on the recorded video by the council at the 1/9 meeting to defer items D, E, and F.

All 4 council members agreed that it was best to wait until a 5th member was sworn in to appoint positions defined in Items D, E and F.

A week later, we have agenda items B, C and D with recommended actions to nominate and appoint a mayor and vice mayor, review nominations and appointments for city council representation on regional boards and city advisory committees, and to appoint members to city advisory bodies.

However, Item 6A for tomorrow now suggests reviewing a **process** to interview candidates and suggests re-scheduling interviews to January 27th.

With Ms. Morgan unavailable to attend, it is clear the motion that passed last week cannot be executed tomorrow.

Therefore, the remaining agenda items if addressed will be in direct conflict to what the council agreed to do last week.

With the mayor position vacant, it is likely staff or the collective council set the agenda for tomorrow night.

I would like to see the council follow the established procedure for amending an agenda that is different than what was proposed and take a vote before the meeting starts to ensure they have all 4 changed their minds from last week and would like to go forward with nominations and appointments ahead of having the 5th member sworn in.

If the council has not changed their minds, can the City staff please cancel this meeting or refine the agenda to only the time sensitive appointments needed - eg. Arts and Culture commission. The public does not need to attend another poorly managed inefficient meeting.

If we have had time to reflect on last week's meeting, perhaps the first motion proposed last week to follow a swift and efficient community involved process to review applicants, create a short list to interview and appoint can also be brought back for discussion. Whoever is sworn in to this seat will have a far better chance of being successful and helpful to the community if they are not simply appointed by 4 people who are "new to all of this".

We have a lot of work to do. Let's mature this effort to be process v. people oriented, get a qualified candidate in the seat quickly, and eliminate the fodder for more "people drama".

Regards,  
Leslie Nielsen