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Leaving aside that Ketchum taxpayers will be paying another \$100k for work that was supposed to have been accomplished in 2023, who will this person be working for, the people of Ketchum or BCHA?

This contract highlights the irreconcilable conflict of interest that the City has created in making its Housing Department the staff for BCHA. Effectively, the people of Ketchum are being taxed to provide services to non-Ketchum residents. Is this even legal under Idaho statute?

To make the conflict of interest worse, there is no transparency to the Ketchum voters on how the economics of this arrangement have been working.

I urge the City Council to investigate this conflict of interest and take the appropriate actions as fiduciaries for the people of Ketchum.

Thank you,

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One provision of this ordinance permits a City staff member to extend the term of a building permit beyond three years.

I suggest the Council remove that part of the ordinance. While, as the staff memo states, there may be need for longer construction times, extending a building permit to such a length could come to the Council for approval. In that manner we will have a more transparent process. If a staff member is authorized to make such an important decision, it happens in the dark. That would be inconsistent with the Mayor's commitment to transparency.

This is likely to be a rare occurrence, unless it is the intention of the Council to approve far larger projects for Ketchum than has been our historic experience.

As one possible example, does the Council want to give a company like PEG the opportunity to extend construction of the Marriott with merely a staff approval? This seems to be a provision that benefits developers without benefitting the residents of Ketchum.

Thank you,

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