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Tia

Vice Mayor Ratica will be chairing the commission meeting on November 13. I will be out of town all next week. I hope to be able to attend by phone but I am not sure of the schedule.

Please add to the agenda for consideration, approval of a Paralegal position. This is my statement of request. Budget implication is that it will save money in attorney's. This position would be in charge requisitions which takes up attorney time and staff time.

After discussing with staff and our attorney, the position's salary would be \$90,000. Derek believes we would save more than that from his fees.

As Mayor-manager I am requesting the Commission's approval to move forward.

Sincerely,



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