Exhibit D

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Public Comment on the Erroneous Amendment of a Previous Commission Meeting Minutes

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Good evening.

What we witnessed on Sept 16, was deeply troubling because the action taken was so glaringly in error.

A resident submitted written testimony for a public meeting but was unable to attend and read it aloud. The testimony was acknowledged to be a public record. Yet we witnessed an extraordinary effort to remove any reference to that testimony from the official minutes because it had not been read live.

Must a resident now be physically present or to inconvenience another to speak into a microphone for their effort to participate in local government? Is this now a qualifying event to merit acknowledgment in the meeting minutes?

The minutes of a public meeting should accurately reflect what occurred, including the appropriate documentation of public participation live **or** in writing. Your vote to amend was an attempt to erase acknowledgment that a resident submitted comments. It was an impassioned and biased demand to rewrite the record.

But what made that now infamous proceeding particularly disturbing was that the argument to amend the minutes was directed at the **wrong meeting date**! And, consequently, the Commission proceeded to amend minutes that were already correct as written. I'd spent a little more time on meeting preparation.

Think about that for a moment. A demand to correct meeting minutes resulted in the alteration of the wrong public record. You were fooled. It was sloppy! And if this slop occurs on something this simple, I fear your capacity for deliberations on development and budget decisions.

This is not a trivial clerical matter. I know the Clerk takes great care in minutes prep and the accuracy of the information presented to Commissioners. Your unwillingness to pause and verify the facts before acting impetuously was shameful.

Meeting minutes are not personal documents to be revised according to individual preferences. They are an essential historical record. Their accuracy matters and so does the process used to approve them.

Establish clear, consistent published standards for adjudicating written public comments so residents understand how their submissions will be handled.

Mistakes can happen. What matters is whether we recognize them, correct them transparently, apologize to those affected, and learn from them.

Resist blatant erroneous decision making before confirming the facts.

Thank you.