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MEMORANDUM

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To: Common Council
From: John Weidl, City Manager
Date: October 13, 2023
Re: City Appointments and Strategic Alignment

My office was recently alerted to the vacancy within Whitewater LEADS. It is my understanding that this vacancy was due to the previous City Manager's departure from Whitewater. During that transitional time, the then Council President Lisa Dawsey-Smith stepped into this role; however, the hiring of myself as City Manager released her of this duty, as she was only to be filled during this transitional phase.

Please note that I hold this organization in high regard for its commendable work in promoting literacy and community development. With that being said Council Member Lisa Dawsey-Smith and I hold an interest in being involved in this organization; however, we must adhere to the City's transparency policy in doing so.

Per our policy, the candidate who fulfills this role needs to discuss and obtain approval from our governing body, the Common Council, before formally accepting the position. We assure you that this matter will be placed on a future agenda meeting, and we will communicate the outcomes promptly.

The city is proud that this organization exists within the City of Whitewater. Your organization has a powerful mission of emphasizing literacy and by doing so uplifting this community and giving them tools to be successful in every stage of life. We are optimistic about our involvement in Whitewater LEADS and how they can support the community together through collaboration.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through our internal processes and look forward to the possibility of fostering a productive partnership with Whitewater LEADS.

Warm regards,

John S. Weidl
City Manager

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