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Comments for Public Posting: Finally, Matt Szabo. Thank you. This is real reporting and the truth the City needs to hear. This is not about one department. This is a pattern. Budgets are approved, and then mid year requests follow. That has become routine, and it should not be. The Council also needs to take responsibility for continuing to approve it. Accountability has to mean something. At the same time, the City is still dealing with the impact of major spending decisions and contracts from prior years. Those decisions are now catching up. I also want to point out that errors are becoming more noticeable in committee, commission, and Council agendas and reports. Agendas can be hard to find or missing, public comment access can be inconsistent, and Zoom or YouTube links do not always work. That affects transparency and public trust, and ultimately impacts the taxpayer. Clerical and administrative staff are overloaded. Work is being done under pressure, often without enough training or support, while hiring remains limited. This applies to both elected and appointed officials. It's time to step up and take responsibility. If the City is serious about accountability, then it needs to apply it across the board and match expectations with reality. Right now, the gap is being carried by employees and the taxpayer, especially with elections approaching. Effort and accountability should not increase only during election season. It should be consistent year round.