

RES24-087
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 159

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Meeting Date: Apr 17, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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I STRONGLY support Resolution 24-087.

No unelected individual, commission or committee should have more authority over the elected members of the City Council or the Mayor which the Salary Commission does.

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It's unbelievable how the system works. The council appoints the commission and the commission in turn proposes raises for the council.....doesn't this sound like a conflict to anyone besides myself??

You already got your 64% increase which the public was not happy about, and now you'll get another 3+%? This feels like another slap in the face to most people who live pay check to pay check, and to some of us who are seniors living on fixed incomes. This is the tax payers money (my money!!) that helps to pay your salaries, but my money can't even get Kilinoe Street cleaned up.

Since May of 2023 I have contacted the city to clean up the overgrown weeds and overhanging trees along Kilinoe Street. I have called many, many times and written letters and after months and months, I was told it was scheduled for January, 2024. Well, now it's almost a year and Kilinoe Street which is in YOUR DISTRICT, remains the same. There are many, including seniors, who walk along this street and they try to avoid certain areas because of the overgrowth. There was an incidence where one tree broke and crashed down on some fencing along the canal. A neighbor called the fire department to clean it up. But, can you imagine if someone walking had the tree fall on them????? When I walk along the canal, I'm constantly checking the tree branches because they can fall at any time.

So, my point is rather than taking your second raise, from the recommendation of the commission that you appointed, maybe you should figure out how to get some services performed for the general public? There are so many things that need to be fixed in out city, I don't know how you can justify your pay increases and sleep with a clear conscience.