Cavalier Johnson
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

June 2, 2023

Dear Alderman Russell Stamper, Alderwoman Milele Coggs, Alderman Lamont Westmoreland, Alderwoman Larresa Taylor, Alderman Khalif Rainey, Alderman Mark Chambers, Jr. and Alderwoman Andrea Pratt:

I am writing in regard to the Steering & Rules Committee meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023. The agenda for this meeting was published today, June 2, 2023, one business day before the hearing. The three communication files related to departments within the Administration (items #1, #5, and #6) involve important and timely matters, which deserve thoughtful and time-consuming preparation. In order to effectively and accurately communicate on these matters, my staff will require additional time to adequately prepare. Accordingly, they have been directed not to appear at Monday's Steering & Rules Committee meeting.

Serious times merit serious debate, and we welcome the opportunity to publicly discuss the issues addressed in these files. Assuming these files are held for a later date, my staff has been directed to fully prepare and present when they are rescheduled. Related to item #4, "Resolution directing all City departments to report methods of generating new revenue and requesting other City-related agencies to do the same," I have previously directed my departments to seek new sources of revenue. I share your desire that we should leave no stone unturned as we look for additional revenue opportunities.

In the interim, I would encourage any member interested in an informal briefing to reach out directly to the relevant department's Commissioner or Director.

Sincerely,

Cavalier Johnson
Mayor

cc: Common Council President Jose Perez
City Clerk Jim Owczarski
Commissioner Nicole Larsen
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