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Good morning,

Please see the communication below from Randy Gray regarding the TIF project. He asked that I provide this to you prior to the meeting tomorrow evening.

Thanks,

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The Downtown Leadership Council (DLC) met Tuesday, August 22, 2017, which included a presentation by Mr. Parmley regarding the proposed TIF project for his hotel expansion. After his presentation, Tony St. Romaine introduced himself as a consultant hired by the City of Columbia to facilitate the TIF process.

I asked Tony if he was promoting the TIF project. He said, "yes, as staff is in support of it." John Clark responded that he was under the impression staff had not taken any position.

Tony then stated that he had talked to the City Manager and that the City Manager has given the TIF project his support.

If this is not putting the cart before the horse, what is?

No hard data has been provided to even begin to determine if the project meets the TIF statute requirements. However, the city-hired consultant is “promoting the project” rather than “facilitating the process”, and, the City Manager has determined it already has his support.

These statements were made and will be substantiated when the minutes of our last meeting are completed.

The developer’s team has every right to propose the use of TIF for the hotel expansion. As it stands, there are no city staff to review and possibly repudiate the developer’s claims if they prove to be inaccurate, incomplete or false.

I am appalled at how a decision has already been reached by some prior to the next TIF Commission meeting Sept. 7 in which they are seeking more data and before the public hearing on Oct. 4.

Please clarify all these inappropriate actions, especially how a city-hired consultant has assumed the role of advocate for a private development.

Randy Gray, DLC member (These are my concerns as I asked the specific question. The DLC did not take any position and will not until the appropriate time.)