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**Subject:** PRESS RELEASE: Developer Attempts to Block a Public Hearing on the North Barstow Parking Ramp Issue

### **Developer Attempts to Block Public Input on the North Barstow Parking Ramp**

The principal of the major North Barstow Street development firm (Dan Clumpner of Commonweal) sent an email today to each of the Eau Claire Council members in an attempt to prevent a public hearing on the North Barstow parking ramp. The City has not yet decided whether in fact to build the ramp, which has an estimated cost of \$10.3 million. The ramp's design cost alone is over \$400,000. Mr. Clumpner also advocated the elimination of public hearings on most development issues. He stated:

If you believe in the abilities of your professional staff, you will trust they understand the issues and offer recommendations best for implementing the community plans and strategies.

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I think the question of the North Barstow ramp is an easy one; if you believe in the redevelopment planning and processes in place and wish to capitalize on existing momentum, the ramp is necessary to accommodate demand and to provide sites for more development.

If you believe in the abilities of your professional staff, you will trust they understand the issues and offer recommendations best for implementing the community plans and strategies.

If you subscribe the strategy of slowing everything down to kill the Confluence project, then the additional process requirement might make more sense to you.

The important question isn't about the parking ramp as much as it should be about process. I'd like to suggest that if a public hearing is to be held, you also address the following:

- What items from the budget or adopted City plans should be eligible for additional public hearing? Should everything be eligible for reconsideration? What is the measure for determining what issues rise to this level?
- What is the appropriate role of the Council, collectively and individually, in operating under a Manager form of local government? It seems to me that the role of the Council has changed. We should have public discussion to help determine whether or not that's a good thing or a model contrary to effective municipal organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

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