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Deb

Looks like a group of council members have come up with a good budget compromise. Congratulations to you. As usual the task now is to hold this agreement together for 6 days. I read Wayne's memo and it is his job to make comments on the Council's proposal. He was very much in agreement with all the big items.

Here is what I would like you to consider as you try to get to thursday to keep the agreement mostly in tack.

I am NOT taking a position on the need for Aim4Peace. My concern is if you and others don't find a way to finance it, you could blow up the entire proposed budget.

If Funkhouser continues to act for his irresonsponible political agenda and vetos the budget then he might be able to find 5 vetos to sustain it and you will have chaos on your hands.

He gets the 3 blacks because of Aim4Peace and then only needs to pick off Russ.

Kee all or one of the 3 of the blacks away from him. Sanders claims he will get \$300,000 starting Jan 1 so it should be easy to fill the cash flow issue between now and the end of the year. If you can find \$200,000 more from the city budget you could keep the program going and ensure Funkhouser cannot create a firestorm. I think Wayne is also approaching Health Care Foundation about some money so the city would have to come with very little in the final analysis.

Still think you could force the judges to cut back, not fund the next judge and have another \$250,000 to use somewhere else.

Good luck
Steve