Tuesday, May 14, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
333 Broadalbin Street SW

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Folden
2. ROLL CALL
3. DELIBERATION, continued
4. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2019 (if needed)
Dear Mayor Konopa:

Maple Lawn is one of those programs that makes Albany the kind of community I feel good about living in. Maple Lawn provides such a valuable service to our community. Children who attend Maple Lawn are especially vulnerable. This program helps them become prepared for success in kindergarten. By cutting this program all the city is doing is ensuring that kindergartens in Albany will be less successful as those teachers shoulder the burden of helping those students catch up.

Sincerely,

Print name  Katy Allaback
Address  707 Broadalbin St. SW
          Albany, OR 97321
Budget Committee comments and questions.

From: Mike Johnston <lotsatrout101@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 3:59 AM
To: Smith, Marilyn <Marilyn.Smith@cityofalbany.net>
Subject: Maple Lawn (school funding)

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Hello Mrs. Smith,

My name is Mike Johnston and I'm a longtime resident here in our fine city of Albany. My kids are all grown and gone but I am passionate about our school systems and would like to mention what I consider to be, "an elephant in the room" and is a level above local funding and that is our state lottery.

No one seems to be talking about it and it is rarely ever a topic of conversation but Oregons Lottery was implemented to help fund our school systems and I'm curious why it is unable to do so. Also, the marijuana tax in this state is huge. it makes no sense to me that between the lottery and the marijuana tax that our schools cannot be 100% funded by the state but as I stated, it's a hush-hush topic that doesn't get discussed openly hardly ever, if at all. I know that was a little off topic but it's a solid question that deserves an answer and somebody needs to be held accountable for the lack of openness and transparency about such important things.

We are seriously cutting back on policing? Do you know how much 35% of the states marijuana tax is? Well, that may be a rough figure but I know it's close to the amount that law enforcement receives from that tax alone. Over a third of it yet we are laying off police officers? Okay, where's our Lottery money going and where is all this marijuana tax money going. THIS STATE SHOULD BE RICH!!!

Sorry for the off-topic_ness. :)

Mike Johnston

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