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Hi Mary,

Please see the email below as there appears to be an official PRR request included. Our audit is in progress and may not wrap-up for a month or so. Can you please log this request?

Thank you,  
Kristina

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**From:** Ron Bussiere <[rbussiere@comcast.net](mailto:rbussiere@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 5, 2024 1:04 PM  
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Kristina,

As you know due to sloppy bookkeeping and over optimistic revenue projections even with a 27% increase in revenues what everyone thought was a reported \$2M gap in Oct of 2023 went up to a \$20.5M gap, shortly after your last audit. The current budget shows by FYE 2027 the City may be insolvent.

Best we can tell, the City officials have not made much of an effort to reduce expenses, and their only solution to date is to offload fire protection and pass most, if not all of the burden onto taxpayers.

The City officials and concerned citizens who understand the numbers have some serious questions about what the Mayor is presenting in meetings as a proposed budget for 2025 and what is actually in that budget. They do not match, as the attached analysis illustrates which is very concerning.

To insure everyone is using the right numbers and to move forward on a solid foundation can you tell me when we can expect the completion and publication of the FYE 2023 audit as well as any adverse findings so corrective action can be taken?

If there is a Management Letter of adverse finding anticipated for FYE 2023 please consider this my PRR for that letter or letters. I know in some years there have been more than one. Thank you.

Ron Bussiere

City of Edmonds Resident

P.S.

If Mr. Ogonowski's analysis is correct and our City is facing insolvency by FYE 2027 to not allow the situation to get untenable might it be prudent to call a State Receiver in now to take over? I'm holding in my hands 24 years' worth of adverse findings and repetitive citations for a lack of GAAP based internal controls. Numerous attempts have been made for re-organization of operations to comply, but to no avail.