

**Subject: FW: Mr. Zerr's claims of staff action re Herbicides and Pesticide s.**

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> *Mr. Zerr:*

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> *Recently we received a letter from the "Chair Master Gardeners Association" requesting specific action re Herbicides and Pesticides. This was a new request and there was no indication that staff was doing anything with it other than putting a stamp on it and filing it more or less.*

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> *Since the letter was addressed to Mayor and Council requesting action, I went to the trouble of putting this request into the form of a motion to be dealt with by Council. This occurred last night and the item was debated as part of the Council Agenda. It is during that debate that you informed Council and the public that Staff is dealing with this matter already.*

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> *This is curious since the request from this citizen is recent and is specifically directed to the Mayor and Council. In any case, I consider remarks of that nature on your part completely inappropriate. This is not the first time that you have done this.*

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> *Since there is no way for any member of Council to know that staff is already working on an item, I would like to suggest that henceforth, you indicate to the initiator of such a motion ahead of time either that the item is already being dealt with by staff and/or that you refrain from inferring that further action is unnecessary.*

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> *If your staff is indeed working on an item, then you should so indicate ahead of time. There is plenty of time (approximately 3 weeks) between the time such a motion is submitted and the time it appears on the Agenda. As it is, I doubt very much whether Staff was indeed working on this matter since this is a brand new request and since the appeal for action was addressed to Mayor and Council directly.*

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> *As for Council, this issue proves once again that such matters should be dealt with under correspondence and any business arising therefrom exactly as I suggested. This is what other municipalities are doing and it seems to me that, in line with sound business practices, we should do the same.*

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> *Thank you*

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