Email to elected officials. September 9, 2020

Hello all,

Last year I rallied to get our elected officials to take the steps necessary to provide a good City Manager for our city. You all know the problems I have had with the current city manager and his sidekick the former planning administrator. Between the two they cost me tens of thousands of dollars on my projects and jerked so many families around who had planned to make Lake Dallas their home. Between my projects and other projects, Lake Dallas has garnered a horrible reputation for being difficult. I told you my encounter with your city manager where I offered to take him on a walking tour of my past, current and plans for future projects but he declined with an excuse that should embarrass you all. I always include that story in speeches I give.

This City Manager has given you plenty to reasons to replace him. I won't list them all but the fact that city hall is a dysfunctional mess is well known, not just in Lake Dallas but surrounding towns. The fact that city hall staff are known to put up fake Facebook and LinkedIn profiles would be reason to make major changes at city hall. How many closed meetings did you all have to have to discuss the City Manager's job performance? Also, are we any better this year than we were last? Or the year before? My answer to that question is "no."

As I said last year about this time, if you decide to keep things status quo beginning with the City Manager, I will no longer do projects in Lake Dallas, other than finish the bungalow phases. That has opened the door to many opportunities to work with other investors and developers and other cities. Despite the pandemic, we are moving forward on planning of projects. It's interesting that the biggest challenge is finding projects to work on. Funding, I've found, isn't a problem for a good project. Just this week I've had two people visit with me who have funding and not enough projects. I had to reschedule a meeting with another who represents an investor. I'm more than willing to work with Lake Dallas when you're ready. But for now, you're not ready. Quality small development (not a large apartment complex) will be the key to success in Lake Dallas.

I would hope that as elected officials, you would take into consideration what's best for the residents and taxpayers and not what's best for a bunch of people who have no connection or concern for our city. I had high hopes that you all would provide the leadership to take Lake Dallas to the next level. Lake Dallas has plenty of possibilities but not until our elected officials take the steps necessary to set us on that path. Please provide the leadership our city needs and hire the staff that our city deserves.

As always, thank you for your time and dedication to our city.

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