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Jose Montoya
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Mr. Montoya,

Let me begin with a clear and concise statement of fact. It has never been the intent of City Council to ask the Buda EDC to terminate the employment of Ms. Miller. We only asked that the Board address her behavior and interaction with staff, as it was reported. Therefore, this resolution and the cost associated with the investigation attached were not needed.

As indicated in this and previous communications, it seems the actions taken by myself, City Council, city staff, and the city's attorney, are viewed with distrust and animosity by members of the EDC Board.

You have the right to question my judgement regarding decisions that I make, and to disagree with any of my policies or positions regarding the City of Buda. You can voice those disagreements by running against me and allowing the voters to decide the validity of your argument.

However, questioning my integrity is another matter.

The Resolution passed by the EDC Board of Directors that makes unwarranted accusations regarding the motives behind the requested changes to the EDC Board's bylaws is a prime example of this problem.

Claiming that my actions, and those of this council, are designed to take control of the EDC Board in order to divert, (read misuse) funds from the EDC for city CIP projects is ridiculous.

The City has other funding sources, as you well know, being a former member of the Council; but the accusations look good on paper and are prime candidates for the rumor mill that is already circulating them.

Claiming that I, or anyone else on Council for that matter, would consider doing anything that would hurt the people of Buda, or the economic success of the city, or is not allowed by state law and/or approved by the Board of Directors is offensive and beneath you.

There is only one elected body in this city that has one purpose, one goal, and one objective; SERVE THE PEOPLE. There cannot be two.

Similarly, there is also only one EDC Board of Directors, appointed by Council, whose sole purpose should be to help develop a robust economic and employment base in the City of Buda. One on which the people can build their collective future.

I do not recall any section of the EDC Board's bylaws that allows it to attack, besmirch, or undermine the actions of Council as a body, any individual member of that Council, or any member of the City of Buda's staff.

The issues between the Buda EDC Board of Directors and City Council are harming the ability of both to serve the needs of the people.

This "Cold War" must end.

/s/

George Haehn
Mayor