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**Subject: Cost Allocation Question**

I saw the questions being posed by the City Manager relative to the City Cost Allocation model for the upcoming council meeting and have to ask.

Do you even know what is and is not being allocated and why?

Do you even know what benefit is being provided to the receiving department of the allocation being made?

Can you figure out what is being allocated and how from the cost allocation "manual" ?

Are you convinced the cost allocations have been and continue to be fair just and reasonable?

If you answer no to any of these questions the Cost Allocation Model requires serious justification, increased transparency and reconsideration.

Furthermore I have to ask when was the last time the City reconciled their allocations against their actual costs in support of the organizations they are allocating cost over?

It would be a laudable goal to have an approved cost allocation system in place before the 2014 budget is approved but much work needs to be done to achieve that end.

I do not think you will be able to define the changes required without undertaking that work and making serious reorganization in City ranks.

Respectfully submitted.

Arlene Buetow