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Subject: Re: Upcoming vote

Paul,

Thank you so very much for taking the time to e-mail me your thoughts, your concerns are being represented by Commissioner Andrews, Dunn and myself. We need your continued voice as some Commissioners are wanting to build a private tennis club with taxpayer's hard-earned dollars! For me to vote for this would be opposed to everything I have stood for as a fiscal conservative and an affront to the tremendous majority of Brentwood citizens. The sad thing is the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and the two Commissioners who are for this have always billed themselves as fiscal conservative, on Monday night if they vote for this tennis club, then they show they are Wolves in Sheep's clothing.

We need you to come to our briefing on Thursday morning and show your opposition to the tennis club, because those who are wanting this tennis club are showing up. Also, of more importance, we need you to come on Monday night, October 28, to the Commission meeting and voice your opposition to spending a million dollars to do the architecture and engineering plans for a Private Tennis Club built at taxpayer's expense. Your thoughts in your e-mail are excellent and if you don't voice your opposition vehemently, there is no chance in changing one of their four votes. This type of irresponsible spending for a select few is why most governing entities operate in an annual deficit! We are better than that in Brentwood! Your voice is going to have to be heard and heard loudly and consistently to stem the tide of this folly! As you can tell, I am passionately against this because it will not stop with this, every special interest group will want taxpayers to fund their hobbies. Brentwood is excellent because we have stayed fiscally strong and are not dictated to by larger municipalities around us, and/or by the state. If we become a debtor then we will become beholden to entities around us. We have made many wise decisions that keep us in great fiscal condition, this is not one of them!

These are just a very few reasons of why this is wrong, so for brevity, I am limiting my comments for now. However, I will leave you with a few tidbits. In the Summer of 2023, I already knew we were headed towards \$20,000,000 and that was confirmed when American Constructors did a preliminary estimate for information for the city staff in early 2024, that said the project would be \$20,000,000. This project will cost much more than \$20,000,000, in my experienced view. If it does just cost \$20,000,000 at 400-800 avid tennis players, here is what the Brentwood taxpayers are going to subsidize:

800 players equal \$25,000 per player

600 players equal \$33,333 per player

400 players equal \$50,000 per player

Thank you for voicing your opposition to this lack of stewardship of some Commissioners of Brentwood tax dollars and I know you will have to continue to voice your opposition and be sure all your friends and neighbors know about this waste of taxpayer's dollars and if they don't speak up, it will be too late!

With Greatest Appreciation,

Commissioner Rhea Little



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I would like to render my opinion on an item scheduled for an upcoming vote.

I am **not** in favor of a taxpayer funded racquetball facility. I will list my concerns which are the basis of my objection.

- In the past, indoor sports facilities have not been tax subsidized, and there is no reason taxpayers should take on the expense for a racquetball court now.
- If building a racquet club is such a profitable concept, the private sector should do it and not the city government.
- Private companies have already talked about opening pickleball facilities in Brentwood. Should they have to compete with a tax-subsidized rival?
- Even if the facility runs a “profit” annually, it will take years to recoup the initial investment, assuming the estimates to build are correct. The rationale to build a racquetball facility with taxpayer money because it will be profitable in the long run is a bad decision. We have a lot more pressing needs now.
- This will serve too small a segment of the Brentwood citizens for this big an expense.

PLEASE do not use my tax dollars to pay for funding of a niche facility that serves relatively few of the people of Brentwood.

Brentwood's signature is open spaces, parks, trails, and access to a wide array of public services that serve the common good. PLEASE let us keep it that way.

The single biggest concern that *should* be the focus of our tax dollars is *not* a taxpayer funded racquetball facility but the SERIOUS and growing problem we have with congestion and traffic. Granted there has been progress (Franklin Rd, etc), but Concord Road is a "parking lot" an increasing amount of time throughout the day. Concord Road has become the conduit for the growing Nolensville population to get to I-65. I know...you will say the problem is State initiated changes and funding and the City of Brentwood has no influence over this problem.

Thank you for your time. And I hope the City Council makes the right decisions.

Paul Myers

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