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Re: *City of Spokane v. Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers, Inc., et al.*
Cause No. 00-2-04173-4

Dear John and Laurie:

I have read Tim Connors' RPS article and have several questions and comments.

1. Will any of the council members Laurie has interviewed contradict Mr. Connors' statement that "The record says council members knew what they were voting on, and not one of them has stepped forward publicly to say otherwise?"
2. Did Laurie actually say that alleging a "civil conspiracy to divert public money for private uses" was unfair to the Cowles family?
3. If that is what you think, how do you account for Robideaux's participation in the December 1996 trip to Moody's, where council members Barnes and Green agreed to the flow of funds that according to the Second Amended Complaint was withheld from the public and perhaps from other council members?

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4. When the three of us talked in Spokane during January and February, it was my understanding that you would reinstate the conspiracy and accounting claims, if a "good settlement" wasn't reached promptly. Is that still your plan?

5. The possibility that the attack on Roy Kogen is motivated, at least in part, by your desire to deflect blame away from Mike Ormsby is troubling. It is also consistent with deletion of the accounting claim, which the IRS is now pursuing. At a minimum, it raises an appearance of unfairness. Since the article also suggests that you were aware of the issue, I wish we had discussed it before the Second Amended Complaint was filed.

6. John, in both January and February, you asked for my support and gave me assurances that you were committed to full disclosure, and intended to pursue the litigation vigorously if a "good settlement" wasn't achieved promptly. As I said above, it was my understanding from what you said that the deletion of the conspiracy and accounting claims, as well as several other claims and issues, was simply tactical and that those claims would be held in reserve, either to force a "good settlement" or to be reinstated if a "good settlement" was not forthcoming. Laurie's comment, if accurate, and the account of your public radio interview, where you said that you were cutting the litigation budget in half, seem inconsistent with your assurances—unless you are truly confident that a "good settlement" is forthcoming. If you are, then I wish someone would tell me, so I could stop worrying about these issues. I am still co-counsel of record, and I don't like mushroom treatment.

Sincerely,

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