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BILL JOHNS, April 26, 2013, Town of Farragut, TN**

First and foremost, I personally want to thank Mayor McGill for his service to our community, I think he is doing a good job as Mayor, and I will support him in re-election for Mayor as I did back in 2009.

Per the recent “straw poll”, the only concern I have as a citizen / public administrator (along with other public sector and legal professionals) is in regards to the highly irregular and non-procedural move of using a “straw poll” to skirt the good faith efforts of citizen participation and most importantly, to put in motion a calculated effort to silence and intimidate a fellow elected representative and his constituents. By doing so, the Town of Farragut has endorsed a new and dangerous precedent of using “executive privilege” as a legislative tool and other inconsistent decision making methodologies that could potentially bring scrutiny and even future liability against the Town in how it conducts business.

Equally worrisome is the actual endorsement through participation by other elected members of the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the “straw poll” as an official legislative mechanism. I also believe there was no violation of the “sunshine law” and that the strategy and later execution of a “straw poll” was not under the advisement or knowledge of the Town’s attorney or its professional public administrators.

It has also become very apparent during this exercise that the Town of Farragut should contractually procure a relationship with an established public relations firm to advise or even represent the Town and its elected representatives with any future “crisis” communications.

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