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Re: Appeals of Wallingford Community Council, et al, W-17-006 through W-17-014

Dear Examiner Vancil:

Under the pre-hearing order in the above case, January 5 was the deadline for Appellants to propound written discovery requests to the City. In the pre-hearing order, you asked that the City notify you this week as to whether the City needs additional time beyond a thirty-day response period to provide responses to written discovery.


Appellants have submitted voluminous discovery requests to the City. We received requests from eight of the appellants (seven of those on January 5). In total, the requests included 83 requests for admission, 160 interrogatories, and 99 requests for production of documents, many of which have multiple subparts. Some of the requests for production seek documents going back several years. It is likely that the requested documents number in the tens of thousands.

While the City does not concede that Appellants are entitled to everything they request, for purposes of providing you with an estimated response time we must assume that the City will need to respond to all of the requests. To do that will require a minimum of ninety days – that is, until early April, 2018. This will obviously impact the viability of the existing case schedule and the scheduled April 16, 2018, commencement of the hearing.

Very truly yours,

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