Councilman Hakeem – Thank you for providing these discussion points.

After careful review, I have reservations about moving forward in this direction. In the past I have indicated my support for conducting a thorough review of all transit options including vehicles for hire, shuttle, bus, etc, and will continue to support such a review.

I believe that naming a specific vendor on the front end of a policy discussion involving a significant financial expenditure may be a violation of purchasing policies and therefore I respectfully decline this meeting.

I will continue to be available to discuss this or any other policy decision without the expectation that it would benefit a specific company or vendor, however I will not be attending Monday's meeting.

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