
From: Silfven, Ken (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: Flint Public Meeting Carpool

Thanks B.

Sara/Dave – please note reference to city’s letter to gov as well tonight’s meeting, in case the MLive folks, etc. come your way.

Ken

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:19 AM
To: Silfven, Ken (GOV)
Subject: FW: Flint Public Meeting Carpool
Importance: High

See below. There’s a public meeting in the city of Flint tonight regarding the ongoing challenges with their drinking water system. The public has concerns – some the result of the city’s poor communication efforts, some (I suspect) the result of folks who stir the public fear pot for political leverage. But the City apparently sent a letter to the Governor today. I have not seen it, but wanted to put a flare in the air. See below.

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From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint Public Meeting Carpool

Brad,

Mike and I are available most of the day. I have a conference call 11-12 and an offsite meeting 2:30-4:30. Just come down to the first floor whenever you have time.

The issue has further escalated this morning with a letter from the Flint Mayor to the Governor requesting additional assistance.

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint Public Meeting Carpool

Steve, thanks and my apologies for missing our confab yesterday afternoon. SOS stuff made for a crazy day.

Not sure I’m going to make it to Flint tonight, but wanted to spend a few minutes today if you’ve got time.

Bluntly, I have tremendous confidence in you and Mike to handle yourselves admirably with the public and press.

My only concern is that the City has communicated so poorly that we could end up in position to serve as their defacto spokespeople.

Let me know if you've got a few today.

b

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 3:45 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: Flint Public Meeting Carpool

Brad,

Mike and I were planning to carpool up to Flint tomorrow night. Did you want to carpool as well? Just let us know. Thanks.

Stephen Busch, P.E.

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