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JEFF R. SPEAKER
Mayor

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VETO MESSAGE

To: Members of the Common Council and City Clerk

Re: Veto of Mayor's Salary Ordinance

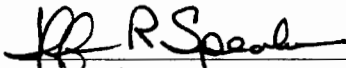
I hereby veto the attached Ordinance No. 2035-05 passed by the Common Council on December 6, 2005.

As I had publicly stated prior to and during the Common Council meeting, I am now vetoing this ordinance. Having served in this position for almost four years, I believe that the compensation package is appropriate and no increase is necessary. In these times of revenue caps and fiscal restraints, the Mayor should lead the way. A freeze is appropriate as economic conditions always force our taxpayers to tighten their financial belts and this is one small way that the City can say: "we're with you!"

In making this veto, I am well aware that the vote in favor of this ordinance was 11-2-1, which is a veto-proof two-thirds vote. I know that you feel strongly about this issue. However, I want you to take a deep breath and rather than voting to override my veto, I ask that you give strong consideration to adopting the ordinance that I will place on the December 20th agenda that would leave the Mayor's salary at \$93,417 for the next term.

If you, the Council, decide to override my veto, I will donate that money back to the City and not accept the raise.

Signed and filed with the City Clerk this 9th day of December, 2005.



Jeff R. Speaker, Mayor

Attachments:

Vetoed Ordinance No. 2035-05

Proposed Ordinance setting the Mayor's salary for the next term at \$93,417

