

Building Scam? & Better Agenda

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Best Construction Process

- City creates initial specification.
- Hire architect via competitive bid.
- Bid construction.
- Make building.
- City pays for design changes.
- Architect pays for design problems.
- Builder pays for construction problems.

New Admin Building

- Huether administration had it built \$24 million.
- Ignored cheaper alternatives. Scam part 1?
- Typical Huether secrecy:
 - Secret selection criteria. Scam part 2?
 - Secret selection committee. Scam part 3?
 - Secret selection process. Scam part 4?
 - Ignored citizen petition. Scam part 5?

Ventilation System

- Geothermal HVAC failed.
- Architect should pay for fixing bad design.
- City absorbed \$455,000 fix.
- Scam part 6?
- Supposedly pursuing legal remedy 1 ½ years after occupancy.
- Scam part 7?

Completing the 3rd Floor

- Sensible, practical if we need the space.
- \$1.5 million should not be buried under “contracts/agreements” in a separate document referenced in the council meeting consent agenda.
- Scam part 8?
- \$1.5 million to suspect builder. Scam part 9?
- No competition, higher price. Scam part 10?
- Building contract open 1 ½ years after occupancy.
- Scam part 11?

Improved Agenda Process

- Councilors should review consent agenda Wednesday before the meeting.
- Councilors may move consent items to regular agenda.
- No discussion or vote needed.
- Make changes before agenda is publicly posted.
- Add “contracts/agreements” and “change orders” to public's printed agenda.
- Promote transparency, efficiency.

Liberty (Hong Kong Protests)

