

Paper 123-26

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I am sending this public comment in regarding the reappointment of Yem Lip on tonight's docket as paper 123-26.

This body continues to withhold the executive session minutes where the Council discussed the lawsuit brought by Tufts Construction against the City and Lip. The case was settled on January 20, 2026.

On March 2, 2026, the Mayor and Mr. Lip signed all required paperwork to finalize the settlement entered into in Court on January 20, 2026.

Mr. Lip's actions resulted in taxpayers being on the hook for a \$1.2M settlement and yet to be determined monies for attorney's fees and sanctions.

Mr. Lip should NOT be re-appointed, and the public should have access to discussions their elected

representatives had in executive sessions about the case Tufts filed against Lip before any reappointment is considered.

This body refuses to stand up to the mayor and his administration, rubber stamping his appointments, budgets and now tax increases to the taxpayers. This is true even when a city official's actions have resulted in substantial liabilities for the city. It is past time for you all to work together despite your differences and re-establish the authority and power of this body, to hold the executive accountable.