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A message from Ernie Crist:

The report of the Value Analysis Task Force will be on the Council agenda this coming Monday. It has taken a long time to get this report to the agenda stage. You may wonder why it has taken so long. However, the real significance of the report is in the recommendations it contains.

While any organization can be improved, the recommendations of the Task Force in my opinion are of such a nature that the only conclusion anyone with even a scant knowledge of how to run a ;business reading them can draw is that standard leadership and management principles in the District are either non-existent or completely inadequate. It shows that the Council has been misled first and foremost on the existence of benchmarking. This shortcoming was also revealed in previous reports including the KPMG report.

Whether the reason for this serious shortcoming is deliberate or the result of incompetence is something for the astute observer to decide. Suffice it to say that any and all previous exposures have been ridiculed or denied by this Council more or less up to and including evidence of incompetence revealed in the press. What is more, criticism of such serious shortcomings have resulted in harassment against those who exposed them including myself.

The recommendations are on the internet.

