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Response to your questions

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My responses to your questions.

1. Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to scan and post council expense receipts on line? **Yes**
2. Will you protect taxpayers from additional financial risk and excessive costs by introducing a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to place new city employees and council members, in a less costly pension plan? Defined contribution. **No**

I would support a cost benefit analysis of providing defined benefit plans versus defined contribution plans.

3. Will you vote to freeze or reduce city employee salaries – just as many employees in Edmonton’s business sector received during the recession. **No**

Collective bargaining agreements need to be respected. Discussions about salaries take place in collective bargaining talks where all parties are aware of the current economic climate.

4. Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) cap property tax increases at inflation (Statistics Canada’s CPI for Edmonton) **No**

The CPI is a measure of change in prices to average consumer purchases such as groceries, clothes, retail goods, rent and mortgages. So it does not reflect all of the inflationary pressures experienced by municipal governments. I see it as a guide line to be utilized in decision making.

5. Will you support a motion to halt spending on public art until the city’s unemployment rate is below the national average? **No**

Public art is accessible to the general public. Spending on public art is often incorporated into projects to have a functional aspect. Utilizing such design work creates employment.

6. Do you support reviewing city services and exploring activities that could be contracted out to save taxpayer’s money? **Yes**

This practice is being utilized to carry out some required city services.

7. Will you proactively disclose a list of those who contributed over \$250 to your campaign (and the amount) prior to the October 16 vote.

I believe the disclosure amount should be increased to \$500. If that would be the case I would gladly disclose that I received no donation over \$500.

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