

externally designed proposed projects for compliance with City, DNR, and MMSD requirements, and managed consultants for City Construction Inspection and Storm Water Review contracts. I handled all storm water and drainage complaints, along with other questions, from property owners. I am a licensed, Professional Engineer, and my expertise is in the area of Land Development.

3. I began my employment with Franklin in December of 2015 and was promoted to the position of Assistant City Engineer in March of 2017. On April 19, 2021, I was told my services were no longer required and my last day of employment was April 30, 2021.

4. During my time with the City, I attended City Plan Commission (PC) meetings as a voting member, when the City Engineer was unable to attend. This was part of my job and duties for the City. I was often given short notice of required attendance and was typically not given time or assistance to review the various projects and items to be taken up at each session.

5. Mayor Olson has acted as the Chair of the PC during my tenure. At PC meetings I was required to attend, I was instructed how to vote, regardless of my professional opinion, or lack of knowledge on a particular item.

6. When the Agenda was cut and dry with no controversial items, the Engineering seat on the PC was permitted to be vacant so long as a quorum could be reached. When controversial items were on the Agenda and the Engineering vote was possibly required to pass an item, either the City Engineer or I was required to attend. This is what occurred prior to the Strauss SUP. The week prior to the PC meeting the City Engineer requested me to cover the meeting, as he had approved vacation for that time. I also had approved vacation during this same period, so I told him I could not. Mayor Olson then revoked my boss' vacation, to make sure someone was present to steer the desired outcome.

8. The Mayor and City Engineer made it clear to all staff that the Strauss project needed to be approved. This was despite numerous issues with the proposed site, some of which remained outstanding at the time when my employment with the City ended.

9. I am providing these facts because they are true, and I believe that the public should be aware of how the City has acted with regard to creating the Loomis Business Park, changing it to accommodate two large industrial developments, and moving forward with the highly controversial Strauss Brands Slaughterhouse.

Sara Herr

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
This ___ day of July, 2021

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires _____