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John:

Although we spoke briefly yesterday I wanted to take just a moment to tell you just how pleased I have been with your leadership and guidance of Troy as Acting City Manager. I am one citizen who thinks you have done an outstanding job.

Everyone who is familiar with Troy knows that being its City Manager is an extremely challenging job. You performed the delicate 'balancing act' that is required very well. It takes incredible skill to remain diplomatic and still get messages delivered and occasionally having to defend either your staff or yourself. You did a great job.

Financial guys, or 'beaners' as I often call them, are frequently highly skilled at their assigned duties, but don't adapt well to change or new challenges. You have clearly debunked that theory. I have long respected your abilities as the financial leader of our city. Based upon your performance during the last few months I am confident that you also have what it takes to be an outstanding City Manager. However, I sincerely hope that you remain on Troy's management team for many years to come.

