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Hi Mayor.

Many of us were discussing the connecting of Payzant Drive to King Street this morning over our weekly coffee meet and greet.(Garlands Crossing Group).

We see Council will be discussing moving forward with designing, environmental, studies, etc... that would be required for the Municipal portion of a connection between Payzant and King. We just now noticed that the development agreement that would require a developer to complete the first part of that connection has been postponed until a future meeting. My question to you would be how can Council move forward with a "connection" as your staff have put it when they do not know what is happening with the "extension"? From how we see it, the Council is looking at building something that may not have anything to connect to? Is this correct?

We were all disappointed with the council's decision to not move forward with a roundabout but understand the reasons. It's unfortunate Council did not ask for the total cost of funds expended to date with design work, studies, etc associated with the roundabout. Do you have that amount? As a retired transportation professional, I understand the council was skittish on the cost and rightfully so. It's unusual to invite potential bidders on a project to discuss it before receiving the bids. If only one shows up, logic will tell you they will inflate their bid. As tax payers, we hope the council will not repeat the same mistake that was made with the roundabout. The council should know exactly what this project will look like, the costs involved, and whether there will actually be a developer who will construct the "extension." Has the council asked itself what happens if it does not approve the proposed DA at the end of Payzant? What if it is approved and gets appealed and is overturned? Council would no longer have a developer who is responsible for constructing the "extension" and now the cost to the municipality would be much more.

We would ask the Council to postpone any decisions on the "connection" until it knows exactly what is happening with the "extension". Anything else would not be responsible decision making.

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