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1. This is something that I think we should look at, in fairness to the due process, I do not say that we will P3 and privatize everything. I, for one, believe that the garbage management needs to be kept “in house” to retain more control over the process. There has to be some investigation done on how to better that specific service, as after I knocked on a lot of doors in Ward 14 – people are not very happy with the current levels of service, like garbage not being picked up the first time or things get spilled everywhere. I am not familiar with any previously privatized services that we would want to take back under our wings and will look forward to any conversations about this.
2. We do have to be fair on this one. Will I support hard working people that work for the City – yes. Do we want to look at the way things are done and try to improve upon the process – we absolutely should. I have been a witness to some reckless and not thought through actions so we have to make sure that everyone gives a 100% and we can pivot freely during these times.
3. To be honest I have not looked into this so I do not think I can comment
4. During these times we have to have a buy in from everyone to be as efficient and as least wasteful as possible. I do not want to cut jobs and salaries and see services being cut – and I would like to see improvements in service levels and for people to question some of the more unfortunate decisions. I do not want to see 6 people watering one tree in the park, or a snow plow driving through the streets a month after snowfall two nights in a row, with a blade down and sparking up the pavement. It is all about the perception. If the taxpayers see that – they do question the functionality and how things are being managed.
5. I am not in favor of mandates – I just do not like the premise of the people being forced, I am in favor of education, encouragement and providing better access to vaccines specifically. I am not an antivaxxer at all – I have made my decision to follow the medical advice.
6. This is a tough one – I believe in some service fees, just based on the fact that some people who do not use certain services may not want to pay for them. Like car registration as a example, only car owners have to pay for that. After the initial budgetary review and implementing a stricter “0 base” or similar budgetary program – we can take a look at some things that we can live without and some things that we need to implement.