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**Subject:** On \$30,500,000 For Yet Another Parking Ramp

Regarding Fiscal Committee agenda item #11 of the City Commission meeting on 2024-07-16:

After attending several events about the amphitheater and stadium projects, hearing over and over about ample parking capacity for the downtown venues, and that the city would be emphasizing pedestrian access and multi-modal alternatives . . . now \$30,500,000 of debt for parking ramp.

<https://www.crainsgrandrapids.com/news/economic-development/grand-rapids-considers-borrowing-30-5m-for-amphitheater-parking-ramp/>

It was already irritating that in a time of multiple compounding crises, about which the city could never quite manage to mount an expeditious response, always due to 'reasons' [yes, it is 'complicated', I know]. Yet the amphitheater and stadium projects could move forward with the inertia of an oncoming freight train. A **singular** example over the last decade of executive resolve.

I am questioning the time I've invested in participation, the time spent attempting to sell this regime as a good faith actor to my neighbors, for participating as a Community Connector in the Master Plan. This is a bait-and-switch. I am deeply disappointed.

I was going to vote yes on the hotel tax increase, I have voted yes on every proposal in the last decade. I will now be voting **no**. I will be encouraging anyone I can to vote **no**.

How, with all the talk of engagement and transparency, does a \$30,500,000 line item quietly appear on an agenda?

2nd Ward Resident,

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