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After reading the comments in the paper about the proposed system I have to restrain myself from jumping on the bandwagon of the opponents and thinking that the proponents sure stubbed their toe. Most of the questions I have read sure seem to be reasonable in natures and ones that you would think would have been vetted prior to kicking off such a controversial project. In the business world, I can tell you that any proposal that was made to one of the Fortune 50 companies that I worked for really needed to be thought out, with **all** the likely questions and negative what ifs addressed. It sure looks like that hasn't happened yet which is sad and made the discussions about the initiative in the news and during the open city council meetings poorly timed. It was as if the initiative was being vetted in the old forum of throw it on the wall and see if it sticks.

I would have thought you and your colleagues who support the initiative would have really done their homework and you (collectively) would be prepared to address the bulk of the questions in a very matter of fact way. It is possible that this was done, but it appears to not be the case. By doing it this way, it just makes it much more difficult to get it passed.

It is not too often that I agree in principle with the Mayor on an initiative but I do support this initiative based on the greater good that it provides. But, much like some of the crime plans and initiatives that have come forth from the Mayor or the city leaders this one sure wasn't well thought out. Have you thought about bringing in people from cities who have rolled out similar plans? Have you had city staffers go and visit cities where it was rolled out and reviewed the lessons learned?

I feel bad for you and your supporters as this initiative sure has merit, but appears to be losing support quickly.

I hope you can revive it.

Best

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