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Pete:

No.

You know better than most that the city does not generate any power, we must buy it from others like FMPA (The Florida Municipal Power Agency), OUC, Duke Power, Florida Power, etc.

Our architectural firm designed the Florida Solar Energy Center and we have been designing energy-efficient public safety buildings across the nation long before the US Green Building Council conceived of a LEED facility. So I am not opposed to renewable energy any more than you are with your solar panels and electric vehicle.

However, the city's consultant report shows that adding more renewable energy to our power mix will as much as double our costs versus market prices. Policies that force us to buy more renewable energy will impose a severe hardship on our residents. Further, we can use any savings when undergrounding is complete to lower rates and invest in projects that have a direct benefit to Winter Park residents.

Our current commission also raised our property rates in 2022 by 7.48% - see Winter Park Ordinance 3253-22, section 2 and again in 2023 by 8.74%, see Winter Park Ordinance 3282-23, section 2.

And this year, our garbage collection fees are going up as well as our ambulance transport fees, water fees, storm water fees and sewer fees. See Beth Kassab's article in the Winter Park Voice on September 15, 2023.

I believe that fiscal sanity must be restored.

Oh and in two out of the last few years our city spent MORE than it took in, running a deficit.

I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news but I am trying to tell people what is going on at city hall.

I know this is more information than you asked for, but I wanted to be clear.

Thank you for reaching out to me.

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