

Subject: Planning for next Monday

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Setting aside the policy implications of what's going to happen on Monday we need to think about the mechanics, safety and security of the meeting. I know you all are working on this so wondering if you can give me a sense of where you all are at?

At this point it's not clear to me if there will be four people in support of what I'm proposing on Monday night but I know there is some opposition from at least Anne and Thom. I expect that there will be a series of speeches/comments that CM's will want to give on this. As such, I do not expect this to be over quickly.

In no particular order, and staying in my lane around operations, things I want to flag for you:

Getting the council in and out of the meeting space. We may need help getting into and out of the room.

I don't know if you are familiar with the right wing activist Laura Loomer but she's got a bee in her bonnet about our member of congress and my boss. I have no idea if she's made a connection between me and my boss, not that it matters, but I've seen messages she's made saying that she's coming to MN. I have no idea how recent they are but they were forwarded to me by a friend and I would imagine this meeting is exactly the sort of thing that she and her supporters would travel to in an effort to take it over.

Crowd control at the meeting? Bring other cities/sheriff in to patrol streets so our PD can be in the building? I assume we're bringing in everyone possible to support? Overflow/Live-streaming at other city facilities? ROC/REC, PD, etc.

Traffic Management on the streets around city hall. Parking in the area?

Are there other groups that need to be in the loop on our planning or to simply be on the lookout? I'm thinking the synagogues in the area in particular.

Handling press requests in the days leading to and immediately after the meeting? Do we want to have Bob McNaney there. I'd at least like to have a conversation with him on Monday and I think it should include the council. There was a time when the mayor was the only spokesperson for the city but that's not the case now.

Temporary metal detectors at city hall? Given at least one email to me quoting John Wilkes Booth, am I nuts to think that we need bullet proof vests? How sad is it that I have to say that?

Happy to hop on a call to discuss if needed.

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