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City leaders and staff work tirelessly with the best of intentions to provide quality services for the City of Jefferson. However, we are currently facing a financial reality in which the needs of our community far exceed available revenues. This situation requires significant, and at times difficult, decisions, such as balancing employee benefits with other City services and projects.

One area identified for cost savings was our self-funded health insurance plan. Our priority has always been to provide quality health coverage for our employees and their families, and to do so in a sustainable way. Our insurance broker, McGriff, identified Quantify Specialty Care as a promising partner to help offset the costs of certain high-cost medications while ensuring those medications were still made available to employees and their dependents. Quantify prepared a proposal detailing potential savings, and after thorough review, we felt assured that this program would offer the same level of care and coverage to employees while providing significant cost savings. The City Council voted on a resolution as a step towards formalizing a relationship with Quantify as our specialty care service provider.

Unfortunately, on November 4, 2024, the City was informed by its health benefits consultant that Quantify has decided that they will not be entering into an agreement with the City of Jefferson. This decision comes after severe public backlash and overwhelming external criticism. Quantify will not attend the Council meeting tonight or pursue any future partnership with the City. This decision prevents the City from accessing millions of dollars in anticipated savings over the coming years. These potential savings are based on information previously provided to the City from Quantify.

Without this program, the City must now explore other options to offset these lost savings, including the potential for increased insurance rates for all our employees, and/or a reduction of programs or services the City offers its citizens. The decisions that balance protecting employee benefits and maintaining services and infrastructure have now become more difficult.

As we move forward, we encourage citizens to join us in supporting solutions that sustain both the well-being of our employees and the high level of service that residents deserve. Our leaders are making difficult choices, but we believe that with the support of the public, we can work towards a better future for Jefferson City.

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