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REPEAL JUNE 2013 ORDINANCE RESIDENTS' RALLY

When: Saturday, October 12, 2019

Where: East Point City Hall (Outside)

From: 11:00 AM ---NOON

- ✓ **Did you know that all electric residential customers are covered in the Plaintiffs' Class Action Lawsuit for a REFUND for the increased Winter Rate, PCA Fees, and ECCR Fees in the June 2013 Ordinance?**
Well, you are covered because the Lawsuit was amended to include refunds for the illegal overcharges in the June 2013 Ordinance. No need to fill out any individual refund claims!
- ✓ **Did you know that the goal of the June 2013 is to generate a combined \$5 million to \$6 million a year from PCA and ECCR fees in profit (Reserves) for the Electric Utility?**
Yes, and it has done that every year for the past five years.
- ✓ **Did you know that the Electric Utility FY 2019 Adjusted Fund Balance (Reserve) was \$31,444,395 (\$31.4 million)?** Yes, on June 3, 2019, the adopted Electric Utility FY 2020 Budget contained **\$31.4 million** in Reserves with an additional combined **\$6 million** in PCA and ECCR fees to be **added** this year.
- ✓ **Did you know that Mayor and Council are paying outside Attorneys to ensure that everything be done in Court to protect the Electric Utility profit margin regardless of how many Residents would face disconnections, added late fees and**

reconnection fees along with payment plans that only make their situations worse? Mayor and Council have paid **\$1.2 million** in Attorney fees, and that amount will increase through an Appeal's process.

- ✓ **What did the Judge say about the June 2013 Ordinance?** Judge Ellerbe ruled that the June 2013 Ordinance was never **voted** on by any Mayor or Council. She also said that the June 2013 Ordinance was in **"substantial compliance"** with Mayor and Council's discussions. This is one of the reasons why the case is on Appeal.
- ✓ **What does the Judge's ruling mean?** Judge Ellerbe's ruling shields all money collected using the June 2013 Ordinance from Refund Claims pending the outcome of the Appeal's process. The Judge's ruling does absolutely nothing to **prevent** Mayor and Council from **Repealing** the Ordinance.

WHAT CAN THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO?

- **Did you know that every Mayor and Council have known since 2015 that the June 2013 Ordinance was never voted on by any Mayor and Council?** Yes, they have known, and they have violated their Oaths of Office by not **REPEALING** the June 2013 Ordinance.
- **What does their Oath of Office in the City Charter Sec. 2-109.-Oath of Office. say? It says "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States and this state and observe the provisions of the charter and code of ordinances of the City of East Point....".**

Mayor and Council have completely ignored the last Electric Utility Rate Schedule Ordinance that was **voted** on and **codified** by Mayor and Council on November 5, 2012, hence violating their Oaths of Office.

- **What are the differences between the November 5, 2012 adopted Ordinance and the June 2013 Ordinance that was never voted on or adopted?** Unlike the June 2013 Ordinance, the November 5, 2012 Ordinance's Winter Rates are lower; and contain no PCA or ECCR fees.
- **What can Mayor and Council do?** Mayor and Council can **vote** at any Council Meeting to **Repeal** the June 2013 Ordinance in its entirety and **Reinstate** the November 5, 2012 Ordinance in its entirety. However, Mayor and Council **refuses** to give up the yearly **\$5 million to \$6 million** profit in combined PCA and ECCR fees.

WHAT CAN THE RESIDENTS DO?

YOU need to get the attention of the Mayor and Council and let them know that you mean business. **YOU** need to let them **SEE YOU** and **HEAR YOU**. Mayor and Council need to know that if they don't know care about helping **YOU** by following the City Charter and Ordinances, **YOU** will **VOTE** them out of office on **November 5th**, and that **YOU** will not forget who failed **YOU** in the 2021 Election.

The **quickest** way to get their **attention** is to have a large **PROTEST RALLY** and **PACK** the Council Chambers at **every** Council Meeting until **YOU** get what **You** want and need to help protect and to provide for **YOU** and your family!!!!

Mayor and Council **voted** themselves a **\$5,000** raise this past July. **NOW**, they can **VOTE** to **REDUCE** your electric bill and **SAVE** you some money. The ball is in your court. **SHOW UP** at the **PROTEST RALLY** on **OCTOBER 12TH**, and **Council Meetings** or **SHUT UP!!!**

ATTEND the October 21st Council Meeting and **SEE** whether a **Motion** is **Made** to **REPEAL** the June 2013 Ordinance and **REINSTATE** the

November 5, 2012 Ordinance. Council Meetings are the First and Third Mondays at 6:30 PM at City Hall on East Point Street.

One hundred signs have been donated for the Protest Rally and Council Meetings.

HOW IS THE CITY SPENDING THE \$31.4 MILLION ELECTRIC UTILITY RESERVES?

Why would Mayor and Council cause such pain for the Residents? **GREED** and lack of concern for the Residents. Where do you think the City get the money to pay for:

1. Employees' across the board COLA's every year since?
2. Huge salaries and benefits for the Management Staff?
3. The increase in the number of Management Staff?
4. The outdated, worthless and costly status of **exempt** employees who often spend more time out of the City than in the City on the clock?
5. Each Council Member to have unaccountable access to **\$14,800** each totaling **\$118,400**?
6. Late fees and interest on Mayor and Council's City credit cards?
7. Mayor Holiday Ingraham and CM Sharon Shropshire extravagant use of their City's credit card for restaurants; local eateries; refreshments; excessive air travel and hotels; grocery stores; a third party credit card vendor similar to Paypal; Kenny Shirts **\$2,675**; several unknown air flights to Florida; local shopping at Wal-Mart, BJ's; Sprint Shoes; Amazon; and **\$1,235** for trophies.
8. The FY 2020 Budget contains **\$10,000** for the Mayor's Youth Council; and **\$164,000** for CM Shropshire Winddown Wednesdays with neither elected official providing how their personal events tangibly benefit the City economically. Both of their credit card accounts should be investigated for reimbursement to the City and abuse of power. Visit my **website** to view copies of their credit card spending for a year.

NEEDED HELP FOR RESIDENTS

Residents deserve more than a **party** from our elected officials especially when the City is paying for everything. What was in the FY 2020 Budget for the Residents? **Nothing**, except the **same illegal increased electric Winter rate; PCA and ECCR fees to generate another \$6 million in profit; and an increase in property taxes.** It is not too late for Mayor and Council to amend the **\$165.3 million** FY 2020 Budget to include the following for the Residents.

1. **Local Code Home Improvement Grants** for low income homeowners for new roofs, windows, doors, gutters, entry ways for wheelchairs, floors, electrical wiring, plumbing, and tree cutting and removal.
2. **Fully implement the Stormwater Utility** by providing expert assistance to homeowners in identifying the source and remedy for the stormwater runoff that causes flooding on their property. Setting up the Residential Board of Appeals when there is a dispute between the City and the homeowner. Both are included in the Stormwater Ordinance.
3. **Provide monthly updates on the progress** of street resurfacing and sidewalk installations in the Utility Newsletter with the Utility bills.
4. **Provide a schedule for vacuum leaf pickup** in the Utility Newsletter. There has not been a street sweeper on my street in over three months. Some areas of the City get their streets swept as often as three times a month.
5. **Reflective stripping needs to be applied to streets** where streetlights are needed.
6. **Senior's \$7 per month electric discount needs** to be increased and extended to include low income households with the same income requirements.
7. Any resident should be allowed to use the Community Rooms at Fire Stations 3 and 4 for workshops or seminars that is free and beneficial to the community. Neighborhood Associations can use the rooms free once a month. However, most

WASTE and ACCOUNTABILITY

Mayor and Council could start reducing waste and increase accountability by:

- 1) Reducing their **\$13,000** travel allowance to **\$7,000.**
- 2) Following City Policy and complying with the Resolution -for-the-Adoption of Guidelines- for- the use- of Council- Ward-Expense Account Funds.
- 3) Eliminate **“exempt”** status for all employees. East Point is the only City in Fulton County that still employs this wasteful employee status.
- 4) The City’s Public Relation position should be part-time.
- 5) There are too many staff positions in the City Manager’s Department.
- 6) The Finance Department needs to be investigated using Electric Utility funds to bail out provide cover for incompetent employees, and deliberately misleading Mayor and Council.
- 7) A forensic audit needs to be done for the Finance Department and Customer Care.
- 8) **The City Manager needs to follow the Ordinance that was passed requiring the City Manager to provide a formula for tabulating indirect cost for the Utilities.** The FY 2020 Budget contains **\$4 million** from the **Electric Utility for 34 employees** and **\$4 million from the Water and Sewer Utility for 57 employees.** This is just a scam devised to rip off the two Utilities without a formula to show what services are provided to their employees according to the guidelines of State law for budgeting.
- 9) **Mayor and Council need to stop using City Hall as if it is their personal property. It is a City Charter violation for fewer than a quorum of the Council to use the Council Chambers or any space in a public building that residents do not have equal access to without an adopted policy.**
- 10) **Get more code enforcement officers.**

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Mayor and Council are working on a short-term rental Ordinance. However, that is no reason why Residents who live in R1 or RL zoning areas should put up with the City lack of law enforcement of the current Ordinances and State law. There is an Airbnb house three door up the street from my house. It was rented out from September 22nd to the 25th. There were fifteen cars parked every day. The garbage was put out on the street with the lid half up on Thursday the 26th. My street garbage pickup day is Monday.

I notified Code Enforcement and the next day I received a call from a code enforcement officer. I was asked what Ordinance was being violated. I stated that State law forbids Airbnb housing in my zoning area and she said that she was going to look it up. I am still waiting to hear from her. Had any code enforcement officer bothered to come back for a check, he/she would have found the following City code violations:

- 1) More than six cars for a residence.
- 2) Fifteen occupants in a single residence.
- 3) A registered short-term rental in a R1 or RL zoning area.
- 4) Garbage container on the street four days before the pickup date.

There is no reason other than greed that can account for our Lawmakers being Lawbreakers and causing distress to the residents. There is a place for Airbnb houses, just not in my neighborhood until the State Legislature changes the law.

WHAT NOW!

It is time for the Residents to look at all the **Candidates** running for election in the November Election. It is time to ask the current Mayor and Council to **REPEAL** the June 2013 Ordinance and **REINSTATE** the November 5, 2012 Ordinance **before** the November 5th Election.

It is time for Residents to take a stand and fight for lower electric rates by **ATTENDING Council Meetings** and

ATTENDING the PROTEST RALLY on SATURDAY, October 12th .

THE ELECTION!

I am asking the Residents of Ward C for the opportunity to serve and represent you for a third time. I am **not** accepting any campaign **contributions** or **in-kind** donations. However, there are some Residents who are calling and helping to put out signs without pay. If you want to **show** your support, you can **request** a yard sign. Too many of my signs have the habit of **disappearing** if they are not in a yard, so I hesitate to put them out elsewhere **until** late in the election season.

I have stated how I would like to see the City move forward while working with the Mayor and other Council Members. Most of Ward C residents already know me. I have not changed too much, however the desire to improve the quality of life for all the residents is greater now than ever before. The economy has not been kind to most of East Point residents and that includes Ward C. I will continue to listen and communicate in a timely manner to address the needs and concerns of Ward C residents. I am asking for your **VOTE** during **Early Voting** or on **November 5th**.

October 7, 2019 is the last day to register and be eligible to vote in the Nov. General Election.

Early voting at East Point Library from:

- 1) **Tuesday, Oct. 15th to Friday, Oct. 25th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.**
- 2) **Monday, Oct. 28th to Friday, Nov. 1st from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.**
- 3) **Saturday voting, Oct. 26th, 8:30 am to 5:00pm.**
- 4) **No Sunday voting.**

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

WARD C RESIDENTS VOTE AT ST. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church on the corners of Hogan Road and Dodson Drive.