

Dear Residents,

After serving you and the City for ten years as a Council Member from Ward C and Mayor, I did not believe that I would be running for another Council seat as a serious Candidate. Yes, I signed up to run three times after I won as Mayor.

The first time I qualified as a non-serious Candidate was for Mayor in 2013. My term was ending, and I agree with several community leaders whose advice I respected, that I needed to run, otherwise I would be a lame duck Mayor when the City needed me most. We did not have a City Manager; Department Heads were Acting as Acting City Managers and many Department Head had Acting Department Heads. The City also had to negotiate the LOST funding for the next ten years with and Acting Finance Director. With the help of the Council, we hired a Management Group to work with the incoming Mayor and Council; and the negotiations for the LOST funding was a giant plus for the City since it resulted in an increase in our funding for the next ten years.

The second time I qualified as a non-serious Candidate was in 2017 for Ward C at-Large. I did not put out any signs, however I did put out two Newsletters hoping to encourage the residents to question the Candidates' fitness for their respective positions. I told the residents in both of the Newsletters not to vote for me if they were going to vote for the majority of the incumbents because nothing would change if they did. I ended up at the top of a run-off. I contacted the Fulton County, City Clerk, and many of the same community leaders about withdrawing in order to keep my word. The community leaders stated that I qualified and signed up for the entire race and I needed to remain on the ballot. I informed them that I was not going to any more campaigning and I was satisfied that I would be keeping my word by doing so. I only took a few donations and paid more than ninety-five percent of my campaign out of my own money.

The third time I qualified as a non-serious Candidate was in 2019 for Ward C. I refused to have Ward C give a free seat to any Candidate without opposition. This time, I refused to take a single penny in donations and put out two informational Newsletters.

Again, I qualified as a Candidate because only one Candidate signed up on the last day, and I refused to have Ward C at- Large be a free seat. **However, unlike the last three previous qualifications, I am in this Campaign to Win it. I will be getting my Platform out to the residents before the end of September.** Anyone who wants to know what made me to become a SERIOUS Candidate needs to visit my website and see for herself/himself what the Incumbents have been doing or not been doing for the past four years at a minimum. Every article is documented. What more to you NEED to LOSE before you see the LIGHT?

Page 2

The vast majority of my SIGNS will be placed in residents' yards. For some reasons, my SIGNS appear to be collection items because they DISAPPEAR from the right of ways faster than I can put them out. If you would like a Sign in your yard, please CALL or EMAIL me. Again, I will not accept Donations. I don't pay property taxes and I get \$160.00 pension check from the City. I believe in every resident doing all that he or she can do help other residents and our City. This is one of the ways that I chose to help.

I am asking residents who support me because of my past work as well as the residents who have not to get as much factual information about the <u>Incumbents</u> and the other <u>Candidates</u> as possible. Knowledge is Power; and Elections have Consequences!

CLICK HERE to go my website: www.earnestinedpittman.com

Thank you.