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MAYOR DEANA HOLIDAY INGRAHAM, WELFARE QUEEN!

If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN**, who told you this, stop reading if not **Keep reading**. I have never used the word **WELFARE** in a negative way. The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution speaks of the government's commitment to "promote the general Welfare" of the people. In governmental financial terms, Welfare means providing financial assistance to people in need using a monetary standard. When people who are not in need and abuse the financial assistance meant for the needy, they are given royal titles after the word Welfare. Hence, the case with our Mayor.

Mayor Holiday Ingraham spends taxpayer's money as if it were her own personal money. Let's start with her Mayor's Office Budget. Having been the Mayor, I know what is allowed and what is not according to the City Charter and Ordinances. The Mayor is allowed one staff member, and money to operate and maintain the Mayor's Office. The Mayor cannot create additional permanent or temporary staff.

The Mayor's salary was increased to **\$20,000** beginning January 1, 2020. Any staff member/Executive Assistant's salary is determined by the City's Human Resources Director in keeping with the City's employee protocol. According to an Open Records Request the Executive Assistant's salary was **\$37,000** with other **perks** it went up to **\$45,000**. This was for the **2021 Budget** year. The combined salaries for the Mayor and her Executive Assistance was **\$65,000**. Her salary's Budget without benefits was **\$126,885**. That leaves **\$61,885** unaccounted for.

In the **2022** adopted Budget, the Mayor's salary Budget was **\$128,649**. There were **no** raises, so the Mayor's and her Executive Assistant's salaries totaled **\$65,000**. Again, that leaves **\$63,649** unaccounted for. The Mayor has excess salary funding of **\$125,504** that has not been accounted for last year and this year.

My Open records request for any Ordinances creating employee/intern positions for the Mayor and Council since December 31, 2013, to the present is stated below.

"Your information as it relates to Item 1 and Item 2 is attached. The City Clerk's Office could not locate copies of ordinances creating employee/intern positions for the Mayor and Council from December 31, 2013. Per § 50-18-71(d), no public officer or agency shall be required to prepare new reports, summaries, or compilations not in existence at the time of the request."

This is the major reason that she is a **WELFARE QUEEN!** How many qualified residents could have received housing code grants for tree removal; new roofs; plumbing; window replacement; etc? Mayor Holiday Ingraham needs to account for every cent that she spent using taxpayer's money **NOW!** I will discuss her further illegal spending of taxpayer's money in the next Flyer.