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If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN**, who has told you this Stop reading; otherwise Keep reading. CM Sharon Shropshire maybe the only person on the Council who has spent as much taxpayer's money as the Mayor, that is why she is the **WELFARE PRINCESS!**

CM Shropshire was not always a fan of **misusing** taxpayer's money, and this is why it is so hard to understand what happened once she was elected. It appears that **access** to power changed her. Regardless of what happened before or after, CM Shropshire has wreaked havoc free wheeling and dealing with unchecked abandon **USING** taxpayer's money.

According to the Charter, no elected official can have **management** or **control** of any spending that is **not** included in their Ward Expense Account Budget that defines the categories for which they can spend taxpayer's money. The three categories are **Travel, Training, and Communicating with the residents**. Mayor and Council **must** vote on the amount of funding for each category in the Budget each year.

It is telling that Mayor and Council only allotted **\$1, 800** for communicating with residents. Yet, when it comes to Partying, the sky is the limit; and CM Shropshire did everything she wanted to, with the blessing of the Mayor and Council, to get there. Aside from the fact that more than **nine** Wednesday Wind Down Events brought **less \$25,000** in permit fees and cost the taxpayer's more than **\$700,000**, Mayor and Council **allowed** it to happen.

The Wednesday Wind Down Events **enriched** entertainers who are past their prime with exorbitant fees; hotel accommodations; luxury car transportation; and Hollywood style VIP tents refreshments; and tables and dining accessories. Invoices **exist** for the entertainers' fees, hotel charges; car rentals; in addition to set-up fees and rehearsal accommodations; and other physical props that were needed. There was **no** financial information concerning extra outside security; and staff overtime. There are **no** invoices

for the City's credit card paying for food; decorations; beverages; and invitations that were **provided** to honored invited guests served in the VIP tent. We know that the Mayor **enjoyed** these Events well enough to be called the "Dancing Mayor".

While **outsiders** were Partying and living large using taxpayer's money, **residents** were **faced** with their utilities being cut-off; past-due rent and mortgage payments; trees falling on their property; and trying not to become infected with Covid from the huge crowds not wearing masks. Local businesses were **closed**, or customers were having **major** problems accessing them. The City waived permit fees for the food and beverage truck vendors until I complained. The vendors pay permit fees for the **last** three Events this year- June, July, and August.

The Economic Development has been **unable** to provide any quantitative economic impact to the City in terms of dollars and cents or new businesses as claimed by CM Shropshire. CM Shropshire needs to **provide** invoices for every charge on her City's credit card.

I filed a **complaint** against the City for using Hotel-Motel Tax money to **pay** for some of the Wednesday Wind Down Events with GA State Department of Community Affairs. The City had to **replace** the money back into the Hotel-Motel Account and was placed on **probation** through 2022 while making their quarterly reports.

In addition to **misusing** the credit card with unknown purchases, CM Shropshire also used the credit card to **pay** for more than a **hundred** robo calls using the **same** company that she used during her last **campaign**. Open Records Request show that the City did **not** have any agreement or contract with the firm providing the robo calls. When **confronted** in a Council Meeting by **resident**, Ms. Andrea Hudson, about the many charges to a **group** that came upon **goggle** as a mental health organization, the City Attorney **sent** Ms. Hudson a Cease-and-Desist letter. I promptly **responded** by sending him a Cease-and-Desist letter because he is the **City's** Attorney and not **any** Council Member's Attorney.

What is just as despicable as CM Shropshire **using** robo calls **paid** for using the City's credit card was the **lying** message that the City **partnered** with Atlanta Food Bank to provide the residents with food boxes. The City did **no** such thing and CM Shropshire used that lie to **enter** residents' home under **false** pretensions in **preparation** for this Election!

**VOTE HER OUT!**

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