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If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN** who knows that Mayor and Council have not demonstrated **FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT** and **ACCOUNTABILITY** of the City's Funds, then **NOW** is the time to **SPEAK OUT!**

Mayor and Council continue to demonstrate **POOR OVERSIGHT** and **ACCOUNTABILITY** of the City Manager and his Staff. The contents of the **2022 FY Budget Amendment Ordinance #2** passed on **February 21, 2022**, provide ample evidence of **CHARTER and POLICIES VIOLATIONS; WASTE; POOR OVERSIGHT; and ACCOUNTABILITY**. For residents who may feel more comfortable with a less formal format of the Budget document, I have provided the information below. However, the original document is provided in its entirety at the bottom of the article on my **WEBSITE**.

A week after passing the **Budget Amendment Ordinance #2** to increase the **City-Wide Budget** of **\$175,206,588** by **\$12,682,765** to **\$187,889,353**, I became alarmed by the **procedures** and **distributions** of the **\$12,682,765** by Mayor and Council.

Mayor and Council posted increased **REVENUES** of **\$3,515,190** in the **OPERATING BUDGETS** over the previous estimated amount of **\$141,237,834** to **\$144,753,024**.

- 1) **\$1,739,817** in **General Fund** to **\$51,647,564**
- 2) **\$7,319** in **Confiscated Assets** to **\$291,170**
- 3) **\$822,504** in **Electric Utility** to **\$49,340,193**
- 4) **\$51,150** in **Storm Water** to **\$2,851,150**
- 5) **\$894,400** in **Solid Waste** to **\$6,693,002**

Mayor and Council also posted increased **REVENUES** of **\$9,167,575** in the **DEBT, GRANT & CAPITAL BUDGETS** over the previous estimated amount of **\$33,968,754** to **\$43,136,329**.

- 1) **\$75,000** in **Capital Projects** to **\$5,815,885**
- 2) **\$134,195** in **Camp Creek TAD** to **\$3,841,695**
- 3) **\$357,639** in **Corridors TAD Bonds 2002** to **\$422,189**
- 4) **\$75,000** in **50 Worst Properties** to **\$535,000**
- 5) **\$14,638** in **General Grant Funds** to **\$302,104**
- 6) **\$8,511,103** in **Restricted Grants** to **\$23,566,839**
 - a) **\$6,511,796**, the **second** installment of the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** federal funds
 - b) **\$1,999,307** from an **unnamed** source

The **increased REVENUES** in the **OPERATING BUDGETS (\$3,515,190)** and the **DEBT, GRANT, & CAPITAL BUDGETS (\$9,167,575)** totaled **\$12,682,765** will be transferred to various **Departments and Questionable Accounts**. Question Accounts are Accounts that the City are **using to pay expenditures** that are **not identified** in the **City Charter; Ordinances; or by Grants**.

GENERAL FUND QUESTIONABLE ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

- 1) **\$88,000** increase in the City Council/ City Clerk Account to pay **\$5,000** for Back to School; **\$8,000** for Healthy Point; **\$75,000** for Wednesday Wine Down for incurred debt.
- 2) Executive (Mayor's Budget) **decreased** by **\$15,000** to **\$3,903,758** because of **\$15,000** in combined matching Funds from Fulton County Arts and Georgia Council for the Arts.

Although **Parks & Rec.** is not a Questionable Account, there are several questionable expenses such as **\$90,000** in City Bills; and **\$3,700** in gas. The above listings are just a few **Expenditures** in the **FY 22 Proposed Budget Amendment # 2 Operations Expenditures**.

East Point residents are still being greatly affected by the economy of the Pandemic. Despite the gains and assistance provided by President Biden's administration to help East Point residents with Covid Funding and the American Rescue Plan Act, they are feeling the pain caused by increased rent, food, gas prices, childcare, healthcare as well as clothing due to inflation. Less than **seven** days after passing **\$12,682,765** in increased funding, the City **notified** residents that there was **no** more available **funding** for **rent and utilities** although Mayor and Council included **\$6,511,103**, the **second** installment of the **American Rescue Plan Act** in the **\$12,682,765**.

HOW CAN RESIDENTS TRUST THIS MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH ADDITIONAL INCREASED SALES TAX MONEY, WHEN THEY HAVE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED WITH THE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF CITY FUNDS NOW AND IN THE PAST?

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