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Knowledge is Power; and Elections have Consequences!

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VOTE NO on the MOST! PART 2

If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN**, who wants Mayor and Council to answer the following questions, PLEASE ASK THEM!

- 1) Instead of making East Point the City with the highest Sales Tax in the State during this economic inflation crisis; the largest increases in rent and mortgage home prices ever in East Point; skyrocketing prices in food; higher gas prices; higher transportation costs; and a greater lack of affordable housing and healthcare why not wait until next year or when the above listed uncertainties have been reduced?
- 2) In President Biden's American Rescue Plan, East Point was allocated \$13,023,592. How was the first installment of \$6,511,796 spent? It was not used for rent/mortgage or utilities payments.
- 3) In the February FY 2022 Budget Amendment #2 Operations, Mayor and Council voted to increase the FY 2022 BUDGET from \$175,206,588 to \$187,889,353 by transferring \$12,682,765 out of the OPERATING BUDGETS; and DEBT, GRANTS & CAPITAL BUDGETS. The second installment of the American Rescue Plan funding of \$6,511,796 was transfer from RESTRICTED GRANTS with not a single cent earmarked for any WATER or SEWER PROJECTS or to help residents with RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITIES PAYMENTS. WHY?
- 4) President Biden's Build Back Infrastructure Plan also provided money for Water and Sewer infrastructure. How much has been allocated to East Point?
- 5) Revenues exceeded the estimates in the OPERATING BUDGETS by \$3,515,190. Why wasn't some of this money earmarked for WATER or SEWER PROJECTS?
- 6) REVENUES in the DEBT, GRANT & CAPITAL BUDGETS exceeded estimates by \$9,167,575. Why wasn't some of this money earmarked for WATER or SEWER PROJECTS?
- 7) The City has had two FINANCE DEPARTMENT HEADS to resign since June 2021. The last one left just after Mayor and Council passed the \$12.6 million bailout for the City to cover overspending since the adoption of the FY 2022 Budget in June

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2021. Since Revenues exceeded the estimates, what EMERGENCY occurred within the City to warrant this bailout?

These QUESTIONS deserve ANSWERS. GET THEM! IN PART 3, I WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING WHERE THE BAILOUT MONEY WENT ACCORDING TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL.