

**ADDITIONAL WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN
ALLOCATIONS/APPROPRIATIONS
WITH
NO OVERSIGHT OR ACCOUNTABILITY
ACCORDING TO OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS**



VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE

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VOTE NO on MOST!

MAYOR and COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON MONDAY, MAY 16TH to ADD ANOTHER \$100,000 to PAY for ANOTHER WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN!

YES, it is true that East Point Mayor and Council are addictive to SPENDING taxpayers money to ENTERTAIN the masses OUTSIDE of East Point. What REASON (S) do I have to be DISTURBED by WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN (Event)? Could it be any or all of the following:

- 1) There is no TRANSPARENCY concerning this Event.
- 2) There are NO records that Mayor and Council ever voted for the Expenditures for the Event.
- 3) There is NO designated person to sign contracts/agreements for the Event.
- 4) There are NO requested and approved Procurement/Purchase documents on any Council Agenda for the Event.

HOW do I know all of this? I received my information from City documents and mainly Open Records Requests which I will share them with you.

- 1) PAGES 1- 4: I was unable to find the funding source for the Event in the Adopted FY21 Budget, so I contacted City Manager Fred Gardiner. According to Mr. Gardiner's document the funding for the W/W (EVENT), JAZZ FEST, ETC WAS \$200,00 (P3) and on (P4) WED. WIND DOWN funding in the same Budget was \$150,000. The funding actually exceeded \$300,000 for the EVENT SERIES!
- 2) PAGE 5: In February 2022, the Mayor and Council another \$75,000 to cover the EVENT'S cost OVERRUN!
- 3) PAGE 6: Open Records Request for the Minutes and Funding for the May 2022 Event.
- 4) PAGE 7: More Requests for Expenditures for the May 2022 Event.
- 5) PAGES 8 -9: Mayor and Council's vote to adopt the Budget Amendment #2 Operation with no mention of what SPECIFIC items were in the Amendment.

6) **PAGE 13: On Monday, Mayor and Council will vote for ANOTHER Budget Amendment for \$100,000 for the EVENT and \$50,000 for the JUNETEENTH!** This means that Mayor and Council will have ALLOWED the SPENDING of: **\$150,000 + \$75,000 + \$100,000 = \$325,000** Since JULY 2021 for WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN EVENTS WITHOUT A SINGLE VOTE OF MAYOR and COUNCIL for ANY of the EXPENDITURES ; and WITHOUT a DESIGNATED PERSON to ACCOUNT for the EXPENDITURES.

The ACTUAL AMOUNT for the WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN, JAZZ FESTIVAL, AND JUNETEENTH FOR THE LAST YEAR IS \$425,000 (**\$325,000 for WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN; and \$100,000 combined for the JAZZ FESTIVAL and JUNETEENTH**). WHAT A WASTE!

NOW PAGES 10-12 concerns PARKS & RECREATION and how unconcerned MAYOR & COUNCIL are about our YOUTH and the majority of the RESIDENTS. THAT will be in PART 10, my next POST.

PLEASE VOTE and VOTE NO on the MOST!

MAYOR and COUNCIL are WASTING our MONEY with NO ACCOUNTABILITY and TRANSPARENCY. THEY NEED TO TELL US WHAT HAPPENED TO THE **\$13,023,592 given to the City from the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN** and WHO IS SPENDING OUR MONEY ON WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN SERIES before ADDING more TAXES on the RESIDENTS to SPEND on PARTIES, FRIENDS; TRIPS; and THEMSELVES. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ASK RESIDENTS TO PAY MORE IN TAXES ON FOOD, GAS AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN EAST POINT.

MAYOR and COUNCIL are willing to SPEND **\$175,000 on WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN since FEBRUARY; and yet there is not a single YOUTH PROGRAM sponsored by PARKS & REC in the CITY for our YOUTH! NOT ONE DAMN CENT!**

If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN** who cares about the people of this City please SHARE THIS INFORMATION!

RE: Wednesday Wind Down Document

From: Fred Gardiner (fgardiner@eastpointcity.org)
To: edpittman26@bellsouth.net
Cc: fgardiner@eastpointcity.org
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 02:49 PM EDT

Good Afternoon, Mayor Pittman

Please see the attached budget worksheet page. The amount shown under Level 200 as Restricted for Special Events is the final adjusted budget for all events for FY21.

Thanks,

Pat Behrens
City Manager's Assistant



City of East Point
2757 East Point Street
East Point, GA 30344
(404) 270-7017

pbehrens@eastpointcity.org

From: Earnestine D Pittman <edpittman26@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Fred Gardiner <fgardiner@EastPointCity.org>
Cc: Earnestine Pittman <edpittman26@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Wednesday Wind Down Document

Good Afternoon Mr. Gardiner,

I am requesting the document that you told me on Friday, August 21, 2020 contained the funding for the Wednesday Wind Down Covid-19 Heroes Fund Raising Event on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 on East Point City Hall property. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Earnestine D. Pittman

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Former Mayor, City of East Point

E. D. Cubed Inc.- 501(3)c Nonprofit, Founder

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BUDGET REPORT FOR CITY OF EAST POINT
Fund: 100 GENERAL FUND

Calculations as of 03/31/2021

MEMBER	DESCRIPTION	2018-19 ACTIVITY	2019-20 ACTIVITY	2020-21 AMENDED BUDGET	2021-22 ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT REC CITY MGR RECOMM THRU 03/31/21 BUDGET	2021-22 MGR RECOMM BUDGET
	APRIATIONS					
	1110 - CITY COUNCIL & COMMITTEES					
	GMA MEMBERSHIP DUES					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	NLC ANNUAL DUES			3,500	3,500	3,500
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	NOISE MEMBERSHIP			1,500	1,500	1,500
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	USCM MEMBERSHIP			3,500	3,500	3,500
	CREDIT CARD FEES			500	500	500
	ACCOUNT '523.36-00' TOTAL			20,000	20,000	20,000
	OPERATING SUPPLIES					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	COUNCIL WATER			500	500	500
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	FLOWERS/CARE ARRANGEMENTS			1,200	1,200	1,200
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	MISC SUPPLIES			1,300	1,300	1,300
	ACCOUNT '531.11-02' TOTAL			3,000	3,000	3,000
	SPECIAL EVENTS GENERAL					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:			10,000	10,000	10,000
	SPECIAL EVENTS					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	YOUTH COUNCIL INITIATIVE					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	YOUTH COUNCIL INITIATIVE			10,000	10,000	10,000
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	SPECIAL EVENT-WED WINDDOWN					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:			150,000	150,000	150,000 *
	HEALTHY POINT INITIATIVES					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	HEALTHY POINT INITIATIVE			5,400	5,400	5,400
	HOLIDAY BUSINESS EXPO					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	HOLIDAY BUSINESS EXPO					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	HOLIDAY BUSINESS EXPO			5,400	5,400	5,400
	LEGISLATIVE ROUND TABLE					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	FOOD					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	CATERING					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	SILVER FOX BALL			1,500	1,500	1,500
	DECOR, PARKING, INVITATIONS					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	SILVER FOX BALL					
	FOOTNOTE AMOUNTS:					
	SILVER FOX BALL			5,500	5,500	5,500

This page came from the Council Approved adopted Budget.

* This is to pay for the event this May.

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City of East Point
FY 2022 Proposed Budget Amendment #2 Operation



Attachment: FY22 Budget Amendment #2 Operations Summary (6740 : Budget Amendment Ordinance #2)

General Fund - Revenues	FY 2022 Council Amended	City	Change	Proposed Budget Amendment	Comments
Taxation	\$ 28,539,096	\$ -	\$ 1,409,364	\$ 30,148,462	
Licenses & Permits	2,912,813	-	-	2,912,813	Real Property, 1.4M; Intangibles, 87.5K
Intergovernmental Revenue	25,000	-	-	23,000	
Charges for Services	327,281	-	-	327,281	
Fines & Forfeitures	601,000	-	-	601,000	
Investment Income	12,000	-	-	12,000	
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,032,272	-	-	1,032,272	
Other Financing Sources	9,812,369	-	-	1,467,725	Back to School, 5K; Healthy Point, 8K; Building Rentals, 107.4K; Parks & Rec, 10K
General Fund Balance Transfer-In	5,300,000	-	-	5,300,000	
Federal Revenue (ARPA)	1,347,894	-	-	1,347,894	
Total Revenues	\$ 49,907,747	\$ 1,739,817	\$ 51,647,564		
General Fund - Expenditures	FY 2022 Council Amended	City	Change	Proposed Budget Amendment	Comments
City Council/City Clerk	\$ 1,442,403	\$ -	\$ 88,000	\$ 1,530,403	Back to School, 5K; Healthy Point, 8K; Weirhassy Wine Down expenditures, 375K
Executive	3,818,758	-	(15,000)	3,903,758	Fulton County Arts match, 5K; Georgia Council for the Arts match, 10K
Administration	13,140,437	-	300,000	13,440,437	Various operational expenditures, 3300K
Judicial	1,132,752	-	-	1,132,752	Police, 8,063 operational expenses
Police	14,230,309	-	9,063	14,239,372	
Fire	10,358,872	-	-	10,358,872	
Public Works	1,864,073	-	-	1,864,073	
Parks & Recreation	1,238,671	-	103,700	1,342,371	Parks & Recreation, 10K (restricted Flag Football sponsorship) \$50K City Bills; \$3.7K gas
Planning & Community Development	1,448,830	-	-	1,448,830	
Economic Development	750,810	-	-	750,810	
Transfer Out	-	-	1,457,879	1,457,879	Transfer to restricted grants matching funds (LSAP, 19 & 21, LMG and Arts) \$233,379K; Transfer to Capital Park, 375K Connally Park; Operating Transfer to Solid Waste, 189,400; Customer Care, 880K; Transfer to Fleet vehicle purchase, 81.2K; Transfer to I.T., 80K.
Total Expenditures	\$ 49,523,915	\$ 1,943,642	\$ 51,469,557		
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$ 383,832	\$ (203,825)	\$ 178,007		

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ORR-881-2022

From: Cathrene Hardy (East Point, GA) (eastpointga@justfoia.com)

To: edpittman26@bellsouth.net

Cc: legal@eastpointcity.org; kmccullough@eastpointcity.org

Date: Friday, April 15, 2022, 05:59 PM EDT

Good Day Earnestine Pittman,

We are in receipt of your Open Records Request received on 4/12/2022 at 5:06:16 pm regarding minutes containing the vote and funding amount for the May 2022 Wednesday Wind Down, the Department account for the Event, and Contact Person.

The minutes are attached as it relates to funding for the event under Item No. 18. The Department account is Special Events – Wednesday Wind Down. There are no responsive documents as it relates to Item No. 3 of your request.

Have a great day!

See Page 7

Cathrene Hardy, Deputy City Clerk



2022-02-21 City Council - Public Minutes-2141.pdf
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See Pages 9 and 10 of the attached Minutes.

ORR-986-2022

From: Cathrene Hardy (East Point, GA) (eastpointga@justfoia.com)

To: edpittman26@bellsouth.net

Cc: legal@eastpointcity.org; kmccullough@eastpointcity.org

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022, 05:04 PM EDT

Good Day Earnestine Pittman,


We are in receipt of your Open Records Request received on 4/25/2022 at 2:12:35 pm regarding the following information concerning JACQUEES' AGREEMENT TO PERFORM AT WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN (Event) on MAY 25, 2022:

- 1) Copies of all correspondence concerning the terms of JACQUEES' agreement to perform at this Event, and any other entertainers.
- 2) The Department and contact person responsible for signing all financial arrangements for this Event to include in-kind donations; overtime pay; security; rental props, transportation; lodging; sound equipment and rehearsals; food and beverages; invitations; and use of City property.
- 3) Copy of the Minutes with the total Budget voted for this Event.
- 4) Copies of all documents from the Procurement and Purchasing Department for this Event.

With regard to Items 1, 2, & 4, there are no responsive documents to your request. Please view the attached minutes with regard to Item No. 3 of your request.

Have a great day!

Cathrene Hardy, Deputy City Clerk

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See Pages 9 + 10 of the attached Minutes

Councilmember Cook motioned to approve the contract to the selected provider Lowe Engineers, LLC for RFQ Bid No. 2021-1769. Councilmember Butler provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Councilmember Butler requested to be excused from the meeting. He was excused from the meeting at 9:12 pm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Myron Cook
SECONDER:	Joshua B. Butler IV, At Large
AYES:	Shropshire, Robertson, Rene', Calloway, Cummings, Cook, Butler IV, Gordon
ABSTAIN:	Deana Holiday Ingraham

- 17. Council Review and Approval of a Change Order for the Spillway Repair Project Bid #2020-1723 in the Amount of \$202,740.35. Civil Works was Awarded This Contract on February 17, 2020 to Repair Flood Damage to Sweetwater Dam and Spillway Repair Phase 1. the Original Contract Amount was Not to Exceed \$2,325,622.00. the Original Funding Sources Were Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), FEMA, MCT and Local CIP Funds. the Change Order Addresses the Repair of the Damaged Drainage Area of the Riprap Basin and Training Wall Caused by Additional Tropical Storm (Zeta) Damage. This is the Final Payment for This Project.

Presented by: Water and Sewer

Councilmember Cook motioned to approve the change order for the Spillway Repair Project Bid #2020-1723 in the amount of \$202,740.35. Councilmember Robertson provided the second. **The motion carried.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Myron Cook
SECONDER:	Lance C. Robertson
AYES:	Shropshire, Robertson, Rene', Calloway, Cummings, Cook, Gordon
ABSTAIN:	Deana Holiday Ingraham
ABSENT:	Joshua B. Butler IV

- 18. **Budget Amendment Ordinance #2 to Increase City Wide Budget**

Presented by: Finance

Councilmember Robertson motioned to open the floor for discussion on the Budget Amendment Ordinance #2. Councilmember Cook provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Budget Manager, Shannon Golden provided an overview of the proposed budget amendment. Councilmember Cook was impressed about the increase of revenue and inquired about the total budget level.

RESULT: APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER: Myron Cook
SECONDER: Lance C. Robertson
AYES: Shropshire, Robertson, Rene', Calloway, Cummings, Cook, Gordon
ABSTAIN: Deana Holiday Ingraham
ABSENT: Joshua B. Butler IV

Waive 1st Reading:

Councilmember Robertson motioned to waive the first reading on the Budget Amendment Ordinance #2. Councilmember Cook provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Adoption of Ordinance:

Councilmember Cook motioned to adopt the Budget Amendment Ordinance #2. Councilmember Robertson provided the second. **The motion carried.**

- 19. Council Review and Approval of Justice for Families Program Grant Application/Letter of Commitment

Presented by: Finance

Councilmember Gordon motioned to open the floor for discussion and possible action on Council review and approval of the Justice for Families Program Grant Application/Letter of Commitment. Councilmember Cook provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Councilmember Gordon motioned to open the floor for discussion and possible action on the Justice for Families Program Grant Application/Letter of Commitment. Councilmember Cook provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Shaquita Barnes, Grants Manager provided a brief overview of the Justice for Families Program Grant Application, which is provided by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Office of Violence Against Women.

Councilmember Gordon thanked Ms. Barnes for her presentation and commented on domestic violence scenarios. Mayor Holiday Ingraham credited Ms. Barnes on her invaluable efforts in obtaining grants.

Councilmember Gordon motioned to approve the Justice for Families Program Grant Application/Letter of Commitment. Councilmember Cummings provided the second. **The motion carried.**

RESULT: APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER: Stephanie Gordon
SECONDER: T. Starr Cummings, At Large
AYES: Shropshire, Robertson, Rene', Calloway, Cummings, Cook, Gordon
ABSTAIN: Deana Holiday Ingraham
ABSENT: Joshua B. Butler IV

- 20. Council Review and Approval of a MOU for the Connected Device Grant Program

Presented by: City Council At Large Sharon Shropshire

This item was removed.

RESULT: MOVED **Next: 3/7/2022 6:30 PM**

- 21. Resolution Authorizing the MOST Referendum

ORR-503-2022

From: Cathrene Hardy (East Point, GA) (eastpointga@justfoia.com)

To: edpittman26@bellsouth.net

Cc: legal@eastpointcity.org; kmccullough@eastpointcity.org

Date: Monday, March 14, 2022, 04:56 PM EDT

Good Day Earnestine Pittman,

We are in receipt of your Open Records Request received on 3/1/2022 at 12:00:00 am regarding the following:

- 1) Copy of the City Manager's certification of appropriate revenues in excess of those estimated in the adopted Budget.
- * 2) Invoiced copies of the proposed Wednesday Wine Down expenditures; and the Department overseeing the expenditures.
- 3) What/who is the EXECUTIVE under General Fund-Expenditures
- 4) Identify the Sponsorship for Flag Football for \$10K.
- 5) Copies of the \$90K City Bills for Parks & Recreation.
- 6) Copy of the proposed budget for the \$75K for Connally Park.
- 7) Copy of the \$550K Fulton County (CDBG COVID) Grant.
- 8) Copy of the Community Development Block Grant 21 for \$152,700.
- 9) Copy of the CBFY20 for \$200,000.
- 10) Copy of the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant 22 for \$382,428.
- 11) Copy of the BOOST grant for \$33,500.
- 12) Copy of the second installment of the American Rescue Plan \$6,511,796 and Projects associated with the expenditures.

* With regard to Item No. 2 of your request, there were no responsive documents as it relates to invoiced copies of the proposed Wednesday Wind Down Expenditures. The Department that oversees Wednesday Wind Down expenditures is the City Clerk's Office/City Manager's Office. With regard to Item No. 3 of your request, the Executive under General Fund-Expenditures consists of the Mayor's Office, City Manager's Office and the Legal Department. With regard to Item No. 5 of your request, per the Finance Department, the City bills for Parks & Recreation were not in the FY2022 original budget. This amendment provides the funding required to meet the monthly operating obligation.

Your requested information is available and ready for pickup. As authorized by Code Section 50-18-71, copies are .10¢ per page. You will also be charged an administrative fee for any research time beyond 15 minutes. Fees for your request are as follows:

Total Amount Owed for 195 pages @ .10¢ each	\$19.50
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We **DO NOT** accept personal checks. Please make payment payable to **The City of East Point** and mail payment to:

The City of East Point
Attn: City Clerk's Office
 2757 East Point Street
 East Point, GA 30344

* My next post will deal with expenditures in P+R.

1)

Upon receipt of payment, your documents will be placed in the mail to you. If you would like to pay for and pick up your documents in person, the City Hall is open to citizens via appointment only. Please email chardy@eastpointcity.org to schedule your appointment to come in. Be advised that face masks are required to enter the building and exact change is required for in person pick ups.

Thank you in advance.

Cathrene Hardy, Deputy City Clerk

ORR-732-2022

From: Cathrene Hardy (East Point, GA) (eastpointga@justfoia.com)

To: edpittman26@bellsouth.net

Cc: legal@eastpointcity.org; kmccullough@eastpointcity.org

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 10:18 AM EDT

Good Day Earnestine Pittman,

We are in receipt of your open records request received on 3/25/2022 at 1:05:11 pm regarding a copy of the original RFP that was posted for Academic Services for Parks and Recreation, copies of all the responses to the RFP and a copy of the Minutes showing Mayor and Council's vote for the firm.

There are no responsive documents as it relates to the original RFP posted for Academic Services for Parks and Recreation, copies of responses to the RFP, and minutes showing Mayor and Council's vote for the firm. Differentiating Minds Tutoring Service is a sole source provider whose quote came in under the threshold to go before Council.

Have a great day!

Cathrene Hardy, Deputy City Clerk

*P + R will be in the next Post!

**City of East Point
FY 2022 Proposed Budget Amendment #3 Operation**



General Fund - Revenues	FY 2022 City Council Amended	Change	Proposed Budget Amendment	Comments
Taxation	\$ 30,148,462	\$ 1,970,701	\$ 32,119,163	Increase in Property Taxes and Local Option Sales Tax
Licenses & Permits	2,912,813	-	2,912,813	
Intergovernmental Revenue	23,000	-	23,000	
Charges for Services	327,281	-	327,281	
Fines & Forfeitures	601,000	-	601,000	
Investment Income	12,000	-	12,000	
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,162,725	-	1,162,725	
Other Financing Sources	9,812,389	614,789	10,427,178	Increase in Hotel Motel revenue transfer to General Fund
General Fund Balance Transfer-In	5,300,000	(2,585,490)	2,714,510	Decrease General Fund Balance Transfer for FYE
Federal Revenue (ARPA)	1,347,894	-	1,347,894	
Total Revenues	\$ 51,647,564	\$ -	\$ 51,647,564	

General Fund - Expenditures	FY 2022 City Council Amended	Change	Proposed Budget Amendment	Comments
City Council/City Clerk	\$ 1,530,403	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,680,403	Wednesday Wind Down (100K); Juneteenth(50K)
Executive	3,903,758		3,903,758	
Administration	14,898,316	(600,000)	14,298,316	Decrease Transfer out
Judicial	1,132,752		1,132,752	
Police	14,239,372		14,239,372	
Fire	10,358,872	195,285	10,554,157	Operational expenditures - City Bills, 70K and Gas, 30K; lease
Public Works	1,864,073	45,000	1,909,073	Operational expenditures - City Bills
Parks & Recreation	1,342,371	15,000	1,357,371	Operational expenditures - City Bills
Planning & Community Development	1,448,830	125,000	1,573,830	Operational expenditures - Other Professional fees
Economic Development	750,810		750,810	
Total Expenditures	\$ 51,469,557	\$ (69,715)	\$ 51,399,842	
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$ 178,007	\$ 69,715	\$ 247,722	