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If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN** who told you this, thank them.

The Mayor and/or various Council Members have been extremely busy:

1. **Spending taxpayers money for Entertainment Events with no legal authority to create said Events or accounting for the expenditures.**

The previous two Email Newsletters have been about the Wednesday Wind Down Expenditures and the lack of transparency by Mayor and Council and Staff. The remaining Open Records Responses concerning expenditures are listed below.

#1

See attachment WWD08242022 at the bottom of the email.

#2

See attachment CM Sharon Shropshires city credit card spending from May 2021 thru August 2022 (There are more than 100 pages) at the bottom of the email.

#3

Keshia McCullough (East Point, GA) <eastpointga@justfoia.com>
To: edpittman26@bellsouth.net
Cc: legal@eastpointcity.org
Thu, Mar 24 at 4:53 PM

Good Day Earnestine Pittman,

We are in receipt of your Open Records Request received on 3/21/2022 at 3:34:38 pm regarding the name(s) of all the elected officials and employees who had management control to authorize the signing of contracts for the Wednesday Wind Down Events that took place between 2018 and 2021 for:

1) Entertainers

2) Lodging accommodations

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3) Travel arrangements

4) Food

5) Beverages

6) Tents, chairs, tables, table linens, eating and drinking utensils and accessories, floral arrangements, invitations for the VIP's, and other gifts

7) All the physical equipment for the setup for the music, sound and lighting

8) Labor costs for security and setup and dismantling of stages/platforms; tents and equipment

Per the City Clerk Department, there were no contracts signed for the Wednesday Wind Down events that took place between 2018-2021. Per O.C.G.A. § 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.

If you need further assistance, please call me at 404.270.7090.

Have a great day!

Keshia McCullough, City Clerk

MISUSING STAFF AND CITY FUNDING

2. Using the City's Public Information Office with no legal authority as the marketing editor for Private Businesses.

The Mayor and every Council Member has a Budget that includes funding for contacting their constituents. Per our City Charter and Ordinances, neither the Mayor nor any Council Member is can give directives or orders to any Staff member under the Supervision of the City Manager and his Staff. However, in an Open Records Response someone changed the job description for the City's Public Information Officer.

#1

Cathrene Hardy (East Point, GA) <eastpointga@justfoia.com>

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

Thu, Feb 24 at 12:57 PM

Good Day Earnestine Pittman,

We are in receipt of your Open Records Request received on 2/21/2022 at 8:30:02 am regarding a copy of the following:

- 1) The City's email address for CM T. Starr Cummings, Ward C at-Large.
- 2) A copy of the severance package given to former City Manager Fred Gardiner.
- 3) A copy of the new Salary Scale for the Police Department.
- 4) A copy of the Name; Current Salary, and the Duties and Responsibilities of the Public Information Officer.
- 5) A copy of the original contract for Code Red Guidelines and Usage.

The email address for Councilmember T. Starr Cummings has been provided (tcummings@eastpointcity.org). Per the Human Resources Department, they are not aware of a Severance Package that former City Manager Fred Gardiner received. The Salary Scale, Public Information Officer information, and the original Code Red contract is attached.

Have a great day!

Name: Shannon Wiggins Salary: \$80,000 Duties: • Manage and oversee the daily operations and responsibilities of the Office of Communications • Responsible for disseminating information to more than 38,000 residents • Manage the Office of Communications' annual budget • Supervise the Communications Coordinator, EPV-22 Station Manager and Graphic Designer • Oversee all mass media and content on the City's website, social media and EPTV-22 cable station • Develop media strategies and marketing campaigns to increase community engagement • Develop content for the e-newsletter "The VERGE" • Write press releases/ media advisories • Coordinate interviews with the media • Event coordinator for City Council initiatives

The City Charter clearly states the divisions between Mayor and Council when it comes to Staff under the Supervision of the City Manager. Since this is a major part of our Council-Manager Form of Government, any changes to this section of the Charter has to go before the State Legislature. Therefore, the following duty stated above is null and void: • **Event coordinator for City Council initiatives**. The Public Information Officer's sole job is to provide information to the Residents of what is taking place within the Departments of the City and the effect that it has on them. **The Council Wards Budget provides Mayor and each Council Member with the funding for them to contact their constituents. No Resident should receive any information of any kind by any media that is about anything that is not under Departments supervised by the City Manager.**

The Verge Newsletter is supposed to be mailed to the home of every Resident because not all Residents do not have access to social media. The Public Officer is not the marketing agent for any East Point private businesses and should not be promoting them on her time or using any City resources. Using taxpayers money for those activities is a Charter violation.