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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REDUCED

The Mayor and/or various Council Members have been extremely busy spending taxpayers money for Entertainment Events with no legal authority to create said Events or accounting for the expenditures instead of:

- 1) Using the money to provide needed staffing for Public Works; Sanitation; and Equipment, and;**
- 2) Using City buildings and funds to provide for select residents and businesses.**

The Mayor and some Council Members have stated the so-called importance and financial success of the Wednesday Wind Down Concerts without a single supporting fact. According to Open Records Responses, the financial benefit to the City has been pathetic and not worthy of notice. Here is the truth.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE CITY

#1

From: "Cathrene Hardy (East Point, GA)" <EastPointGA@justfoia.com>
To: "nb6489@yahoo.com" <nb6489@yahoo.com>
Cc: "legal@eastpointcity.org" <legal@eastpointcity.org>
Sent: Wed, Sep 14, 2022 at 11:55 AM
Subject: ORR-1997-2022

Good Day Napoleon Black,

Our office is in receipt of your open records request received on 9/7/2022 at 11:28:21pm regarding copies of all vendor permits issued and all official studies and reports made to determine the financial and economic benefits for the city of Wednesday Wind Down covering the period of January 1, 2019 to September 1, 2022.

There are no responsive documents as it relates to official studies and reports made to determine the financial and economic benefits of Wednesday Wind Down for the City. Per § 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.

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Please allow (3) additional business days for further research on vendor permits issues from January 1, 2019 to September 1, 2022.

Have a great day!

Cathrene Hardy, Deputy City Clerk

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Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 04:41:05 PM EDT

Subject: ORR-1997-2022

Good Day Napoleon Black,

We are in receipt of your open records request received on 9/7/2022 at 12:00:00 am regarding copies of all vendor permits issued.

Your information is attached at no charge. Please allow (3) additional business days for further research from on permits from 2019-2020.

Have a great day!

Cathrene Hardy, Deputy City Clerk

An attachment of Vendor Permits totaling \$35,295 was sent. See Attachment on the email.

A previous Open Records Response in 2019 show that Vendor Permits were waived. The City started collecting Vendor Permits in 2020 for July and August Concerts totaling less than \$15,000. Check my website for those items.

Open Records Responses for the **Economic Boom** of the Concerts to the **City's Economy** was less than the **\$55,000** paid to a **single Entertainer over the last four Summers**. **The City paid almost \$2 million for Concerts that only provided less than \$55,000.** **Mayor and Council, the City Manager and Finance Directors need to account for the Concert Expenditures in a Court of Law!**

Likewise, it is **NOT LEGAL** for the City to **pay** for **SERVICES** or **GOODS** without:

- 1) A contract/agreement
- 2) A vote of Mayor and Council
- 3) Meeting Purchase Order Requirements

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Some unauthorized Elected Officials and/ or Staff members totally disregarded all or any of the three above stated requirements. Open Records Responses supports my claim.

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Thu, May 12 at 12:34 PM

Good Day Earnestine Pittman,

Our office is in receipt of your open records request received on 5/12/2022 at 7:41:56 am regarding a copy of all contracts/agreements and repeating vendors invoices signed by or approved by Ms. Rodgers and copies of contracts/agreements repeating vendors invoices signed by or approved by Ms. Rodgers for JUNETEETH CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM for 2020 to Present date.

Per the Economic Development Department, in regards to the Wednesday Wind Down events from 2019 to 2022, there are no contracts/agreements and repeating vendors invoices signed by or approved by Ms. Rodgers. In regards to the Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom for 2020 to present date, there are no copies of contracts/agreements repeating vendors invoices signed by or approved by Ms. Rodgers.

Per § 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.

Have a great day!

Cathrene Hardy, Deputy City Clerk

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Thu, Apr 28 at 5:04 PM

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 JACUQEES' 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

NOTE: The attached Minutes refers to a line item in the Budget Book for Special Events. Mayor and Council never voted for this line item at any Council Meeting.

REDUCED STAFFING IN PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION DEPARMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

#1: PUBLIC WORKS and SANITATION STAFFINGS

Public Works Staffing is down to **FIVE EMPLOYEES**. I have not been able to get a figure for Sanitation from our Elected Officials. The workers demanded a higher **minimum** wage than the **\$15** per hour especially when other local governments are paying more. Atlanta's minimum wage is **\$19.12**. There is **no** reason why Mayor and Council have **not** raised the salaries of Public Work Workers and Sanitation Workers to at least **\$20.00 per hour**. At **\$20** per hour one worker's **yearly** salary would be **\$38,400** without benefits. The City **chose** to pay out more than **\$380,000** for the Concerts and Juneteenth during 2022 **instead** of paying **ten employees' yearly salaries for \$384,000**.

We are fortunate to have **FIVE** Public Work Employees and whatever number of Sanitation Workers that are still working. **The City could have increased these wages without increasing any new fees or taxes. The Biden Administration and the Congressional Democrats without a single Congressional Republican vote passed the Rescue Relief Act that gave East Point over \$13 million to help support the workforce. Where is that money?**

The Residents had to forego Bulk Waste Amnesty because of Staff Shortages and not enough serviceable Equipment. How many days and how much overtime are being used to make up for the shortages in both Departments? Again, **WHY?**

#2: EQUIPMENT

The City has no excuse for not being able to maintain or purchase needed equipment for the Public Works Department and Sanitation Department. Public Works has access to Stormwater Utility funding for street sweepers and vacuum leaf trucks as well as the Rescue Relief Funding. The Sanitation

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Department charges fees and can also be supported with Rescue Relief Funding. Where is the \$13 million in Rescue Relief Funding as well as the discretionary portion funding of the Hotel/Motel Tax?