



VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE

Knowledge is Power; and Elections have Consequences!

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ELECTION READINESS!

This Newsletter is about NOW and the FUTURE! What will each Resident, and the Mayor & Council do to END/CHANGE as much as possible the lies, misuse and stealing of City funds, misuse of City property, misuse of City employees, dehumanizing Residents and each other. I am going to back my harsh assessment of our Residents, Mayor & Council, and certain Employees with documented proof! The guilt lies with all of US.

COWARDS AND HYPOCRITS!

YES, THIS IS NOT A MISPRINT! THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN CONCERNING EAST PONT RESIDENTS, MAYOR & COUNCIL, AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES! Now is not the time to walk on eggshells when dealing with the kind of rot that exists in our City and Government. Let's begin with the root of our problems. The RESIDENTS!

RESIDENTS!

- 1) **RESIDENTS are RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTING our PUBLIC OFFICIALS /LEADERS.**
- 2) **RESIDENTS are RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING INFORMED VOTERS.**
- 3) **RESIDENTS are RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE!**
- 4) **RESIDENTS are RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS KNOW WHEN THEY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB THEY ARE DOING!**

**When RESIDENTS FAIL TO DO THEIR JOB OUR CITY AND GOVERNMENT SUFFER!
RESIDENTS MUST ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT!**

MAYOR & COUNCIL

As the City's Elected Leaders, Mayor & Council are:

- 1) **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CITY'S FINANCIAL WELLBEING.**
- 2) **THEY CONTROL THE PURSE STRINGS.**
- 3) **THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LAWS AND POLICIES THAT ARE IMPLEMENTED BY STAFF AND EMPLOYEES.**
- 4) **THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING AGENCIES, COMMITTEES, DEPARTMENTS AND POSITIONS WHEN NEEDED.**
- 5) **THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES.**
- 6) **THEY ARE SELF-GOVERNING AND MUST HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE FOR FOLLOWING OUR LAWS AND POLICIES!**

WHEN MAYOR & COUNCIL FAIL TO DO THEIR JOB, THE CITY, RESIDENTS, AND THE GOVERNMENT SUFFER GREAT FINANCIAL LOSS AS WELL AS VALUABLE HUMAN RESOURCES.

CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

- 1) WHEN CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FEEL EMBOLDENED BY CERTAIN COUNCIL MEMBERS/MAYOR THEY BECOME A LIABILITY TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR CITY, RESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENT.
- 2) THEY ASSUME POWER THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO THEM AND DISRUPT THE ORDERLY FLOW OF SUPERVISION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY'S LAWS AND POLICIES.

It should be clear that the City continues to have a leaky pipeline between certain Council Members and Employees. The pipeline was in place before, during, and after I left office. The difference is how the information is used. Are the Employees truly concerned about their jobs and the health and safety of the City or are they looking for personal favors/ vengeance?

Why am I calling RESIDENTS, MAYOR & COUNCIL, and CERTAIN EMPLOYEES COWARDS and HYPOCRITS? I CAN BECAUSE I CAN DOCUMENT IT AN IT NEEDS TO END!

MAYOR & COUNCIL: COWARDS & HYPOCRITS

The Mayor and every Council Member know that LIES and MISINFORMATION are being broadcast throughout our City with some of their help. Mayor & Council know that East Point Ordinances and Policies for our **UTILITIES** state the following:

- 1) Only homeowners or lease holders can open **UTILITY ACCOUNTS**.
- 2) Only one name can be on the account (**no spouse, family member or friend**).
- 3) Information concerning the Utility Account is **limited** to the account holder unless the Account holder **grants** written/oral permission to the City.
- 4) Upon the death of a married account holder, the living spouse must provide the City with a copy of a death certificate and pay \$200 to have the account changed into his/her name. (**This is why so many bills are still in the names of deceased spouses**)
- 5) If the account holder gets a divorce, the one remaining in the house must show legal proof of ownership to have the utility account changed into his/her name along with \$200.
- 6) Employees can face severe consequences for leaking utility account information of **PRIVATE RESIDENTS**.
- 7) East Point Utility Bill contains four separate **UTILITIES (ELECTRIC, WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION)**.
- 8) If the **total** monthly bill for all **FOUR UTILITIES IS NOT PAID**, THE ELECTRICITY IS USUALLY DISCONNECTED IF ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT MADE WITH CUSTOMER CARE.
- 9) When a **WATER LEAK/PIPE CAUSES A DRASTIC INCREASE IN THE WATER BILL THE TOTAL MONTHLY UTILITY BILL CAN BE ASTRONOMICAL**. This is when **CUSTOMER CARE** and the Account Holder work out an **ADDITIONAL** Payment Plan for an **extended** period.

This brings me to calling out Mayor & Council for their **COWARDLY** and **HYPOCRITICAL CONDUCT** with **CM SHARON SHROPSHIRE** and **HER MOTHER'S BILL**. They acted in a Cowardly manner for using **INFORMATION LEAKED BY AN EMPLOYEE TO ONE OR MORE ON THE COUNCIL WITH THE HOPE OF EMBARRASSING CM SHROPSHIRE, AND WITHOUT ANY CARE FOR VIOLATING THE City's Policy of not divulging INFORMATION OF PRIVATE RESIDENTS**. The homeowner's Utility Account ballooned with **two outside Water Leaks; and an inside Pipe burst that force them out of their home for three months totaling almost \$10,000 over eight years from 2013 to 2023**. It goes without saying that the financial income of the more **than twenty-five years for the disabled homeowner** did not keep pace.

This was not the ELECTRIC BILL, nor was it the regular WATER USE BILL. IT WAS A BILL DUE TO TWO OUTSIDE WATER LEAKS, AND AN INSIDE PIPE BRUST! The Employee who informed certain Council Members who failed to inform the PUBLIC of the truth about the WATER MISHAPS. INSTEAD, THEY LIED AND MISLED THE PUBLIC ABOUT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN DISCLOSED AND IDENTIFIED THE PRIVATE RESIDENT. They acted as COWARDS AND HYPOCRITS! PRIVATE RESIDENT'S UTILITY ACCOUNT IS GUARANTEED PRIVACY BY THE CITY OF EAST POINT POLICIES AND A VOTE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL.

The Mayor & Council have remained SILENT ABOUT CM STARR CUMMINGS HAVING A DELIQUENT PAST DUE BILL OF OVER \$800.00. CM CUMMINGS IS A PUBLIC FIGURE, AND THE ACCOUNT IS IN HER NAME. SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE PRIVACY OF A PRIVATE RESIDENT. Where are the robo calls and outrageous letters in Residents' mailboxes? SHAME!

Mayor & Council's hypocritical concern over the idea that CM Shropshire may have used her position to influence employees to provide her mother with special favors only highlight the lack of oversight that the Council has used to protect our financial resources (No BUDGET OR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN OVER A YEAR). If CM Shropshire wanted to use her influence, why didn't she use it to get some of the COVID Funding for mortgages/rent/utilities to pay off the entire bill? Don't forget, the same can be said of the \$13 plus million in the RESCUE PLAN.

Also, don't forget that the information being circulated by unscrupulous actors came from an unnamed City employee. So what Council Member is shielding this employee from retribution for violating City Policies voted on by Mayor & Council. Only Cowards and Hypocrites hide behind employees who need their jobs to help with their dirty work!

CURRENT FAILURES OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

Mayor & Council continued lack of due diligence and violating the Charter and Related Policies hinders the City's ability to provide for and ensure the well-being of all the Residents and the City-at -large. EAST POINT CANNOT PROSPER DOING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) FAILURE to have BUDGET/ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN MORE THAN A YEAR. PASSED THE 2025 BUDGET WITHOUT A SINGLE MEETING!**
- 2) HIRED A CITY ATTORNEY WITHOUT A CONTRACT AT \$24,000 A MONTH.**
- 3) ALLOWED THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE A DEPUTY CITY MANAGER AT \$159,999 A YEAR WITHOUT A VOTE OF COUNCIL.**
- 4) ALLOWED THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE AN ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AT \$121,999 A YEAR WITHOUT A VOTE OF COUNCIL. THE CITY CANNOT HAVE A DEPUTY CITY MANAGER AND AN ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AT THE SAME TIME!**
- 5) COLLECTING STORMWATER FEES WITHOUT IMPLEMENTING THE FOLLOWING:**
 - A) NO ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD**
 - B) NO STORMWATER ENGINEER**

- C) TELLING HOMEOWNERS, IT IS THEIR PROBLEM IF THERE ARE STORMWATER PROBLEMS ON THEIR PROPERTY**
- D) NOT CLEANING WATERWAYS FROM MOVING DEBRIS**
- 6) NEED TO ELIMINATE THE PCA AND ECCR FEES ON THE ELECTRIC UTILITY BILL. (THIS NEEDS TO BE DISCUSS IN A TOWNHALL MEETINNG)**
- 7) NEED TO PASS LEGISLATION DEALING WITH OUTRAGEOUS CREDIT CARD CHARGES AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TRAVEL. (REIMBURSEMENT IS IN ORDER NOW.)**

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EAST POINT CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL

MAYOR

JOSHUA B. BUTLER (Current CM)

KEISHA CHAPMAN

MICHAEL A. DIXON

ALPHONZO McDONALD

WARD A-AT LARGE

JAPER HEMMING

SHARON SHROPSHIRE (I)

WARD B-AT-LARGE

SHEAN L. ATKINS (I)

MARIE TERRY

WARD C-AT-LARGE

ETRINDA CASTLE

TERESE "STARR" CUMMINGS (I)

WARD D-AT-LARGE

ANDREA CALDWELL ERIK COLEMAN

ALL CREDIT CARDS STATEMENTS FROM JANUARY 1, 2023, TO AUGUST 31, 2025 FOR INCUMBENTS RUNNING FOR OFFICE WILL BE POSTED ON MY WEBSITE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025.