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ELECTION READINESS: PART 2

I did not envision writing PART 2 in the Newsletter that I eblasted on Monday. However, there was some discussion at MONDAY'S SPECIAL CALL MEETING that caught my attention. Why would the Mayor & Council with the support of the City Manager continue to beat a dead horse with inflammatory misleading information that borders on slander? The answer is simple, it is easier to distract from challenging issues and problems facing the City that should be addressed by both the Mayor & Council, and the City Manager. Unfortunately, paying an auditing firm from Florida \$150,000 to rehash what the former Auditor had already stated and adding more salacious misinformation about a private resident were the topics discussed at the Meeting. A pathetic waste of time! Now, let's get to the real issues facing the City NOW!

CURRENT UNRESOLVED ISSUES!

The current Mayor & Council, and City Manager are still responsible for resolving the City's current problems listed below. Non-incumbents Candidates running for office should be knowledgeable about these problems and how they would address them. In three months, a New Mayor & Council will assume the responsibility of leading our City. All Residents should know more about the Candidates than the name on the ballot. Not being an informed VOTER and a Participating Resident is why we are facing the challenges and problems listed below.

MOST OF THESE PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED BY THE CURRENT Mayor & COUNCIL NOW! LET'S SEE WHAT COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE THE COURAGE TO BRING MOTIONS TO THE FLOOR TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT THE FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER!

- 1) MOTION TO DEFUND DEI PROGRAM IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE immediately. (The Mayor and Council have never voted on an Ordinance creating Equity, Inclusion, and Empowerment Department. Yet there is a \$1,232,158 line-item expenditure in the 2026 fiscal Budget.)**

- 2) **MOTION TO DEFUND ALL THE PROGRAMS IN THE MAYOR’S OFFICE THAT SHE OVERSEES. (The Council have never voted to increase the allocated one Executive Staff position in the Mayor’s Office, yet there are two Part-time Positions listed for the Mayor’s Office. Expenditures for the Mayor’s Office Employees Salaries and Benefits including her \$20,000 annual salary and benefits total \$210,000. According to the City Charter, the Mayor has no administrative authority, so why are Programs being administered by her Office with a Budget and Employees?)**
- 3) **MOTION TO FREEZE ALL UNSPENT FUNDS ALLOCATED IN THE FY’2026 BUDGET FOR ALL MAYOR & COUNCIL EVENTS, AND ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOCATION LINE ITEM. (All of the events and administrative allocations are Charter violations.)**
- 4) **MOTION TO ELIMINATE AND DEFUND ALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE “EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT”. (The 2026 Fiscal Budget states that there are 36 (thirty-six) employees in the “Executive Department”. The Mayor and Council have not passed an Ordinance creating an “Executive Department”. Under our City’s Council-Manager form of Government, no “Executive Department” consisting of the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and any other entity can be created.)**
- 5) **MOTION TO DEFUND Unsanctioned Mayor and Council Members personal Budgets not identified in the Charter or by Ordinance.**

These five items should be VOTED on by ALL INCUMBENT COUNCIL MEMBERS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION. FAILURE TO DO SO SHOULD BE A “NO VOTE” FOR THEIR RE-ELECTION!

MORE UNRESOLVED ISSUES!

The Mayor & All Council Members are still getting a “CHECK” every other Thursday from the City. Therefore, they all should show some leadership by addressing the following problems and concerns. RESIDENTS, YOU OUGHT TO BE ASKING QUESTIONS AND GETTING ANSWERS. THESE ARE OLD PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN IGNORED TOO LONG!

- 1) **There is no information in the Budget detailing the Capital Reserve for the annual \$600,000 from the Hote/Motel Tax for the renovation/rebuilding of the City Auditorium. This Reserve Account was set up in 2012 to begin in 2013.**
- 2) **The Mayor and Council’s failure to fully implement and follow the guidelines of the Stormwater Utility Ordinance.**
- 3) **The Mayor and Council’s failure to enforce the guidelines for the Budget and Finance Committees. The failure of the Committees to elect a chairperson and having meetings for the past five months is gross negligence.**

- 4) **The Mayor and Council violation of the City Charter by approving the City Manager's contract that includes a super majority (6) vote to fire or evaluate him. No employee can nullify five votes of Mayor and Council.**
- 5) **Unsanctioned travel by Members of Council using the City's credit card. This is a double violation.**

UNRESOLVED ISSUES FROM ELECTION READINESS: PART I

- 1) **What is the Mayor & Council going to do about the City Manager having a DEPUTY CITY MANAGER AT A SALARY OF \$159,999; an ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AT A SALARY OF \$121,999?**
- 2) **When is Mayor & Council going to "FIRE" the City Attorney who does not have a contract and has a SALARY OF \$24,000 A MONTH?**

THE CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS FOR THE INCUMBENT COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR RE-ELECTION ARE ON MY WEBSITE.