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CITY MANAGER TARGETS COUNCIL MEMBER!

This NEWSLETTER will provide the Mayor and Council with information that is the basis for my future Formal Complaint against East Point City Manager Redmond Jones II for his targeted attack on Council Member Sharon Shropshire. I am using a copy of the email that was sent to seven people other than the Mayor and Council and the City Attorney. Those are the only authorized people that the City Manager should be emailing a COMPLAINT about the activities of any Council Member. All my documentation of violations of actions taken by the City Manager will be in “BLACK” print. The “RED” print is the actual words of the original email. The “BLUE” print is the email addresses.

THE INFORMAL COMPLAINT INFORMATION.

From: Redmond Jones <rejones@EastPointCity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:32 PM

To: Mayor <mayor@eastpointcity.org>; City Council

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<jfitzgerald@EastPointCity.org>; Jasmine Chaney

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<mdimock@EastPointCity.org>

The only people other than Mayor and Council copied in this email should be the City Attorney. Administrative staff or other employees in the City Manager's Office have no legal right to infringe on the relationship between the Supervisory Role of the Mayor and Council and the City Manager. They have no legal right to any information dealing with any Council Member that does not personally affect them directly or indirectly. City Charter Chapter 4: Sec. 2-401(2D).

Subject: Use of City Funds for Campaign-Related Robocalls

The “Subject” is misleading and negative and suggests wrongdoing of some kind. Not a single line of evidence is provided.

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

It has recently come to my attention that City resources may have been used to conduct campaign-related robocalls. While I am still in the process of verifying all the details, to my understanding these matters are under "council events" and should have been forwarded to the CMO for review.

First, what was the great necessity of moving ahead with such allegations without verification? The Fire Chief could have verified whether the Code Red Emergency Alert System had been breached and unauthorized calls had been made. Secondly, did you listen to the calls before assuming they were Campaign Calls? Were any calls made to you or your Staff? Who informed you that the calls were Campaign Calls and paid with City funds?

Thirdly, why would any “Robocalls” be under “council events” when no such category or line item legally exists on the Template for “Budget Allocations under Administrative Appropriations”. All Mayor and Council did was to move money from previous Council Members so called “Personal Budgets” to a made-up account under the City Manager to continue to finance “their Personal EVENTS”.

Fourthly, our form of government does not allow the City Manager to have any “direct or indirect control over the CHOICE or EXPENDITURES” of the Mayor and Council. The City Manager is not the Supervisor of the Mayor or any Council Member.

Fifthly, the City Manager does not review or provide approval for any “action” of the Mayor or Council Members. Free speech still exists in East Point. The Mayor and Council Members are not answerable to the City Manager for their conduct. If the “CONDUCT” of the Mayor or any Council Member conflicts with the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager or any employees under him, he is supposed to file a COMPLAINT with the Mayor, all Council Members and the City Attorney for resolution. City Charter: Sec 2-401, (3).

Nevertheless, I want to immediately bring this matter to the Council’s attention because these items can open the city to risk.

As you know, the use of public funds, equipment, or city services for political or perceived campaign purposes is strictly prohibited in most jurisdictions and could constitute a serious violation of state law. While I am new to the State of Georgia, in my prior experience in other states, such actions would be

considered a major campaign ethics violation and, in some instances, a criminal offense.

The City Manager (whose annual salary is \$203,000) will do well to ask our City Attorney (whose annual salary is \$240,000) for legal advice because he is from another State. However, all States and Local Governments must adhere to all Federal Laws when it comes to Public Funds and Campaigns. **NO PUBLIC FUNDS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES ARE TO BE USED FOR CAMPAINS, PERIOD.** However, that did not stop City Manager Jones from promoting the LIE about a non-existing UTILITY account BELONGING to CM Shropshire during this Election season. Two East Point Attorneys representing the Ethics Board DISMISSED the Ethics Complaints concerning any direct or indirect attachment to any Utility Account for CM Sharon Shropshire.

The Mayor or any Council Member can use ROBOCALLS to communicate with their constituents sharing information about the City government, non-paid public events, federal/state/school programs, charitable events, and public meetings. In fact, there is a City Ordinance that provides a \$2,500 Budget allocation for the Mayor and all Council Members in the Budget. Mayor and Council Members can transfer money from one-line item to the next- line item without having to go back before the Council for approval. So, the Mayor or Council Member is free to spend all/some of their total \$23,500 Budget allocations on Travel/Education/Communicating with Residents in keeping with the City Charter and Related Policies. So, where is the risk to the City?

To ensure transparency and uphold public trust, I strongly recommend that we initiate an independent review of all recent expenditures related to communications and outreach activities to determine whether any city funds have been used for campaign or non-city business purposes.

Why should the City pay for an “OUTSIDE independent review” when all the “information” needed is already available and easily accessible? The City Manager should already have access to all Purchase Orders, Credit Card Expenditures and Invoices. All three of these can be obtain by any Resident through an Open Records Request in the City Clerk Office. The City does not need to incur anymore outside debt for information that the City is already paying large salaries to employees to provide. City Charter: Sec.2-202-Investigations and inquiries.

Additionally, I recommend that effective immediately, all future robocalls, automated messages, or similar communications distributed under the City’s name or using City systems be approved in advance through the City

Manager's Office (specifically the Communications Division). This measure will help safeguard against any misuse of City resources and ensure compliance with applicable laws and ethical standards.

Censorship is not allowed within East Point Government. That does not mean that communications originating in any City Department cannot be reviewed by the Department Head/City Manager. On the other hand, the City Manager does not have any authority over what the Mayor or Council Members say in robocalls/automated messages. Neither the Mayor nor Council Members are to use any City operated means of communication without a vote of Council. Neither the Mayor nor Council Members or anyone associated with the City is allowed to use the title "The City of East Point/The City/EAST POINT CITY trademark" written/orally unless authorized by Council Vote. This does not mean that the Mayor or Council Members cannot use the East Point trademark on their "PERSONAL" stationery when they are communicating with the public CONCERNING Council sanctioned events/programs but not for campaigning.

I take the stewardship of public funds very seriously and want to ensure that all City operations remain fully compliant, transparent, and above reproach. I welcome the Council's input and approval to move forward with this review.

City Manager Jones has attempted to interfere in our Election by negatively TARGETING CM Shropshire in a trumped up "UTILITY EXPOSE" that was debunked due to a lack of ANY documented evidence of ANY laws or policies of the City THAT were VIOLATED! Now, with only TWO more days to VOTE, he dropped another "EXPOSE" filled with baseless supposition and lack of verification "TARGETING" CM Shropshire by referencing the ROBOCALL made to Residents about the Community Food Bank, City Halloween Event and a reminder that Early Voting Ended on Friday. When the City was closed due to COVID, CM Shropshire began making weekly Robocalls to inform them of the Community Food Bank and other related options for obtaining food. That was five years ago, and she never stopped making the calls. During Elections, the Mayor and all Council Members usually end the last Council Meeting before the Election to urge Residents to VOTE!

This paragraph will also be addressed in my upcoming Formal Complaint against the City Manager to be filed with Mayor and Council concerning the items listed.

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**ITEMS IN UPCOMING FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST CITY
MANAGER REDMON JONES II!**

- 1) Interfering with City Elections by Targeting CM Sharon Shropshire**
- 2) Hiring an Assistant City Attorney without the knowledge or approval of the Mayor and Council.**
- 3) Spending public funds for an “Employee’s Appreciation Fall Festival Event” on the Plaza in front of City Hall on October 17, 2025.**
- 4) Sanctioning a “Dinner Meeting” with members of Board/Authorities/Commissions.**
- 5) Leaving the State during the week without notification via email to the Mayor and all Council Members.**
- 6) Not notifying Mayor and Council Members of his absences and reasons for his absences via email.**
- 7) Transferring money from one Department to another “Agency/Department” without the VOTE of Mayor and Council**
- 8) Insubordination!**