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G.A. Smith

Well represented in Dist. 11.

Hats off to representatives Dowling and Smith who I believe are serving their respective constituents very well.

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Subject:

Re: Foia for Illegal Italy trip for crooks Mayor Mccann and Steve Riley —more tax payer robbery- come today to town hall at 4:00 pm to watch this Cesspool Corrupt Town Council in action

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Gerard, this “sister city” program or type of marketing has zero to do with a private chamber and has no discernible benefit to taxpayers. Further, the law states you can’t use taxpayer money unless its for the public use, reason or purpose. Our corrupted uniformed officials can also can not continue to illegally fund many local non profits like the Chamber, Low Country Golf Owners Association, Boys and Girls club etc as well. These type non profits must be funded by their members and private donors. This has nothing to do with heart felt, it’s the law. Also we must stop using tax money to fund private gated communities. The home owners and POAs must do this since the public has no access. The Supreme Court was clear about this being illegal. Worse we must stop funding in secret and with zero accounting, no receipts, no invoices, no transparency, no Foia compliance, no proven performance metrics.

A private, non-profit community chamber is a local business league, owned by its local business members, and has absolutely nothing to do with sister cities, and zero to do with tourism marketing. A private Chamber is funded by its members to promote their local members businesses, so they prosper in the local community. That’s it.

An ATAX funded city DMO has zero to do with a Chamber; rather, it should be a local ad agency or media entity hired to invest public ATAX funds just to market and promote the entire community, and that is it.

A sister city is a created town function and can be set up over the Internet and Skype phone calls. I see this as very little benefit to taxpayers money and the community. With the ability to connect globally, these types of “sister city” trips have gone the way of the spittoon. Even Dwight Eisenhower made similar comments way back in 1956.

Gerard, the Internet has removed the need for a DMO with local searches, social media, etc.

The reality is, if there were no DMO or illegally operated Chamber, the Town of Hilton Head would STILL get 2.5m tourist per year; therefore, giving ANY Chamber ATAX funds is a complete waste of millions of taxpayer funds. The monies should be used locally for tourism improvements like bike paths, beach repairs, parks and recreation facilities, etc.

Further, Steve Riley's secretive 500k funding for hurricane marketing to a chamber or anyone, for that matter, is a complete waste. 100k local Beaufort county facebook accounts told the world about Hurricanes that hit or didn't hit in just a few hours. Plus, add that local searches, National news websites and the weather channel were in the mix, and the message was communicated, worldwide.

This "sister city" baloney is just another way for a crooked Mayor and toady Town Manager to wine and dine on the tax payers dime. Again, these two swindlers even used tax money to join the private Chamber to attend the chamber ball for more wining/dining at our expense. How do taxpayers benefit from all this illegal use of tax funds? Bunch of happy horse manure in the age of technology. Even Eisenhower would agree if he were here.

What do you think about giving this chamber millions of ATAX funds, hurricane tax money, and even more money to join these Chamber with no receipts, no invoices, zero transparency and then, handing them millions more?

What do you think about just refusing a chamber membership to lawyer Russ Keep, and kicking out member Ryan McAvoy from seeking transparency from the Hilton Head Chamber on behalf of all members, under the South Carolina non-profit corporation act laws?

What do you think about Steve Riley, John McCann, and former town attorney Gregg Alford scheme to secure 260k of tax money to fund a bank loan for Kim Likins to use for a private purpose, and her attempt to profit from the use of this same illegal loan?

What do you think about a lawsuit filed by Russ Keep and citizen tax payer Peter Buonaiuto against the town, demanding this 260k tax theft be paid back to taxpayers? What do you think about constitutional expert John Crangle calling this loan illegal and criminal? What do you think about the fact that it violated state and federal banking laws as well?

What do you think about Steve Riley sharing legal representation with the same lawyer, David Tigges, who represents the Chamber?

What do you think about Steve Riley hiring Beaufort County's reject, Josh Gruber, who's now under a State Ethics investigation? It's curious, is it not Gerard, that neither Riley nor Gruber could get hired for any position they resumed for outside of South Carolina?

What do you think about Steve Riley hiring Curtis Coltrane to replace Alford, who was Alford's past law partner and prior lawyer for the Town before Alford? Where was the fair bidding process to fill this position? Last I checked Hilton Head was lousy with attorneys! And could it be Alford got caught overcharging legal fees and figured with Riley help, and unlimited taxpayers money, he would not get caught?

What do you think about the procurement lawsuit filed against the Town of Hilton Head by attorney Taylor Smith (because the Town did not put the DMO contract out for bid), and the idea of hiring one - two DMO's, versus just handing this plum job to the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber? This Chamber needs to get out of Bluffton and just serve the interests of Hilton Head business members, period.

Nowhere in the USA are there two official chambers in the same city, competing and confusing local businesses as to which one to join.

What do you think about the illegal membership drive Mayor and real estate agent Lisa Sulka did on behalf of her friend Bill Miles and Paula Bethea, using town employees on town time, selling 500 memberships and raising 140k, which jeopardized and harmed Bluffton's own Greater Bluffton Chamber? Sulka owes 500 members and or 140k in damages to the official Greater Bluffton Chamber from this extreme illegal abuse.

What do you think about Paula Bethea being the real owner and controller of the Chamber, assisted by hired guns David Tigges and Bill Miles? What do you think about every Chairman of the Chamber being either corrupted, silenced or controlled by the chamber owners?

What do you think about this Chamber operating as a fraud, running a for-profit media entity, disguised as a 501(c)(6) non-profit, in violation of IRS UBIT taxes and non profit tax codes? What do you think about this Chamber

up-selling advertising on a DMO app and website that is funded and paid for by over 1m in ATAX funds taken to Canada, to stiff the USA and even commit bid rigging against local companies? What do you think about this Chamber using ATA funds to buy Google

keywords to dominate and unfairly compete against all local companies? Who should own this 1m plus app and website, the private Chamber for private profit, in complete violation of the DMO job and the Town taxpayers? Have you seen the 1m in Canada and how many millions in advertising this Chamber sold and pocketed ? How is Bill Miles 400k and 25 employees at

87,500 each paid for and generated from just 1500 members dues? Gerard, numbers don't lie, people lie.

What do you think about the fact that someone changed the original bylaws of this Chamber years ago, in order to seize full power away from the members, to eliminate elections and fair opportunities for all chamber members to serve the board they own? By changing the bylaws they created a dictatorship, which is totally against how a chamber should operate under National gold standards. Gerard, Google "What is a Chamber" and call any board member who serves on the properly operated Greater Bluffton Chamber and they'll surely enlighten you.

Gerard, what happened to the 2m given to Miles and the Coastal Discovery Museum, funnelled from Miles's now defunct 4m Welcome Center scam? It's been confirmed that cost was projected at 600 per sq ft, and that Riley and former Mayor and builder Tom Peebles were involved. Why weren't they investigated by the FBI?

Gerard or anyone on this email, do you dispute my facts? If so respond (if you are brave enough to do so).

Please note most of this same corruption, theft, money laundering, embezzlement, lavish spending, kickbacks, payoffs, pay to play, favoritism, unfair competitive practices, unconstitutional, criminal misuse of hundreds of millions of our tax money is happening statewide. And we are asking, where is the FBI and IRS?

Add SCPRT's 58m that was handed to a Bluffton company tied to local state representatives, and SCPRT matching grant funding statewide to all City DMO's, with zero accounting and oversight. Plus SCTERC(the expenditure and review committee) confirming there's no

oversight, and Chairman Ed Riggs, head of SCTERC, and Duane Parrish, head of SCPRT, tied to and in conflict with, much of this corruption.

Also the SC Chamber Corruption controled by Ted Pitts, Sunny Philip's, Otis Rawl and Lawyer David Tigges on the board refuses access to all accounting to their members and SC Lodging and Restaurant Association has been corrupted and they both will refuse memberships and kick out any member that seeks access to their books under the SC non profit corporation act laws. Sea Pines John Monroe is or was a Principal board member in this Sclra organization.

Is this all a conspiracy theory or wild goose chase? Or a statewide scheme and scam no one imagined is possible? Where is the FBI and IRS? Imagine what we have missed and don't know?

Thanks

From: Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2019 8:27 PM
To: Joan Deery
Subject: Re: Déjà vu

Joan,

\$20 million a year is spent for CI projects.

Have you posed these questions to Cathy, as well? I'd be curious to hear her response....

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From: Joan Deery <jdpc@hargray.com>
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JoAnn,

So I presume that \$100 million should have been spent over the 5 years (2013-2018) for capital improvements; but it was not. So how much was actually spent?

Let's say that instead of \$100 million, the actual number was \$25 million. Then I can understand why the Board may have to ask for \$300+ million in November – to include capital improvements that should have been made in 2013-2018 but were not.

Joan

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Joan,

8% funds/projects would be laid out in our annual CIP books. Each year we vote on the next \$20Million list to be tackled.

Is this what you're looking for? Let me know....

JoAnn

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 9, 2019, at 3:47 PM, Joan Deery <jdpc@hargray.com <mailto:jdpc@hargray.com> > wrote:

JoAnn,

I could not find the details that answer my question. The site has a lot of financial information re: this year and next year's budgets but no summary of FY2013 – 2018 expenditures from 8% funds.

Thank you for trying. You are too busy to pursue this now.

BTW, I had the opportunity to meet with Cathy Robine on Friday. I had never met her before and we had a very good first meeting. My topics were academics and Superintendent metrics based on my past Board experience.

Joan

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You can see all the docs (thus far) for Tuesday night's board meeting.

Let me know if you have questions.

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On Jun 9, 2019, at 12:55 PM, Joan Deery <jdpc@hargray.com
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JoAnn,

In the referendum that the Board is now discussing, there will be \$\$ for capital improvements. We don't know the total \$\$ amount yet. We do know that Moss almost depleted the 8% fund to build new schools. If you can easily answer my question, I will appreciate it.

Q: Over the 5 years of Moss' tenure, how many millions of 8% funds were spent on capital improvements?

Again, I am not asking you for any research. But if you know the answer, I hope you can share it with me.

Thanks.

Joan

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Subject: Re: Déjà vu

Mike,

Six to seven hours for board members and staff is probably correct, considering the number and weight of topics listed on Tuesday's agenda. The rest of the public has the luxury of watching at their leisure via the County Channel. I sure hope discussion isn't stifled (in the interest of time) on these very important topics.

The unintended outcome of limiting board discussion are NO votes and abstentions.

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Hold on Jerry! You might be jumping the gun on this. After all, we don't even know if the Board is going to erase the last \$255 million rubber stamp they put on Berg's record breaking operations budget leading to a record breaking tax increase. Lots of claims of "austerity" coming on that before it gets hurled to County Council. One would think this would have been vetted by a committee by now but the Board has been loafing on "Summer Hours" like the Admin. Staff with almost no meetings for the past 1 1/2 weeks. See Board calendar below:

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Don't expect any substantial cuts in the Mink Point Blvd. Puzzle Palace from our Advisory Board. And check out the almost 200 job vacancies now advertised. Morale in the ranks must be off the charts low. Those that listen know that.

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Dept. of No Transparency stuff: Meanwhile, nobody seems to know what the addendum to the MOA's that describes the action plans the Chair Lady committed to with the State and Feds. JoAnn valiantly found the agreements after driving to Beaufort to pick them up but it turns out the Board Secretary didn't have the addendums. Locked in a vault somewhere apparently. Imagine how betrayed parents of special education children must feel as we slide into State and Federal supervision in 25% of our schools in the 45th or worse ranking state in our nation. Simply throwing money at the problem isn't going to work, it requires accumulated elected leadership we don't have.

Berg is complicit in that disaster. Too busy playing silly games with a citizens referendum committee of which I am a member. Nobody voted on anything other than playing putting the stickers on the priorities Robert Oetting of FBI subpoena fame came up with. The numbers changed so many times it made heads spin. It's a shame and didn't need to be delegitimized as I saw a lot of schools that need a lot of improvement.

Jerry, be sure to show up on Tuesday to watch our loafing Board get back to work in another 6 hour marathon replete with an opaque Executive Session struggling again to take on over 1/2 billion in OPM spending. Those rich May River HS kids might get their new student parking lot and the Achievement Gap will have a complete road map and be eliminated within hours.

Thanks for your comments Jerry, I don't always agree with all of them, but I admire your persistence.

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Challenges ahead as Beaufort Co. school board considers \$300 million-plus
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There are several good reasons why a 2019 referendum will fail.

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From: Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Orischak, Josephine A
Subject: Moss advises referendum for WBECHS
Attachments: 3.7.17 Board Meeting Minutes (002).pdf; ATT00001.txt

<http://beaufortschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=7030351>

From: jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com>
ent: Monday, June 10, 2019 3:13 PM
To: john dowing; JoAnn Orischak
Subject: Re: Déjà vu

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Candidate questionnaire: Christina Gwozdz, District 9 school board hopeful
<<https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article110967572.html>>

Campaign slogan:

When elected, vote for Board leaders who value the importance of open and ethical governance.

I have it on good authority;

The district already has \$15-20 million in its current budget to use on necessary repairs and improvements, e.g. new roofs and HVAC systems, painting, etc..

Trust and transparency needs to be established by the School Board with the community and then the Board and District can re approach the public with a trimmed down capital project list, i.e. "do more with less."

Knowing the associated maintenance and operational expenses of each project is critical. The district can also increase utilization of its current facilities by redistributing students or implementing staggered school schedules.

~Jerry

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, 10:50:26 PM EDT, Mike Gleason <gleasonmj@gmail.com> wrote:

Hold on Jerry! You might be jumping the gun on this. After all, we don't even know if the Board is going to erase the last \$255 million rubber stamp they put on Berg's record breaking operations budget leading to a record breaking tax increase. Lots of claims of "austerity" coming on that before it gets hurled to County Council. One would think this would have been vetted by a committee by now but the Board has been loafing on "Summer Hours" like the Admin. Staff with almost no meetings for the past 1 1/2 weeks. See Board calendar below:

<http://beaufortschools.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=170925&pageId=922001>

Don't expect any substantial cuts in the Mink Point Blvd. Puzzle Palace from our Advisory Board. And check out the almost 200 job vacancies now advertised. Morale in the ranks must be off the charts low. Those that listen know that.

<https://www.applitrack.com/beaufort/onlineapp/>

Dept. of No Transparency stuff: Meanwhile, nobody seems to know what the addendum to the MOA's that describes the action plans the Chair Lady committed to with the State and Feds. JoAnn valiantly found the agreements after driving to Beaufort to pick them up but it turns out the Board Secretary didn't have the addendums. Locked in a vault somewhere apparently. Imagine how betrayed parents of special education children must feel as we slide into State and Federal supervision in 25% of our schools in the 45th or worse ranking state in our nation. Simply throwing money at the problem isn't going to work, it requires accumulated elected leadership we don't have.

Berg is complicit in that disaster. Too busy playing silly games with a citizens referendum committee of which I am a member. Nobody voted on anything other than playing putting the stickers on the priorities Robert Oetting of FBI subpoena fame came up with. The numbers changed so many times it made heads spin. It's a shame and didn't need to be delegitimized as I saw a lot of schools that need a lot of improvement.

Jerry, be sure to show up on Tuesday to watch our loafing Board get back to work in another 6 hour marathon replete with an opaque Executive Session struggling again to take on over 1/2 billion in OPM spending. Those rich May River HS kids might get their new student parking lot and the Achievement Gap will have a complete road map and be eliminated within hours.

Thanks for your comments Jerry, I don't always agree with all of them, but I admire your persistence.

On Sat, Jun 8, 2019 at 4:09 PM jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com
<mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

Challenges ahead as Beaufort Co. school board considers \$300 million-plus projects list
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<https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article230935013.html>

There are several good reasons why a 2019 referendum will fail.

1. A new untested board.
2. A new untested Superintendent.
3. No general county election this November.
4. The new board has not demonstrated transparency within themselves let alone the constituency.
5. The new board has not even tried to reestablish trust with the electorate.
6. Until there is a forensic audit proving to taxpayers the money collected as school tax is being properly overseen and wisely spent...there will be no new money.

And then we get the "sky is falling" approach (IE subjective input rather than objective data) from Geier and Mel Campbell.

"If we are on the roll like (board member Richard) Geier says, it's important that we move forward with this thing to improve the schools. We cannot afford to be late," board member Mel Campbell said. "I'm a believer in the public doing the right thing."

G.A. Smith

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