

## OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER

### Treasurer Report

May 26, 2020

Wanda M. Brown, City Treasurer

**SUBJECT: GROSS MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,983.94!**

#### DISCUSSION:

Residents of Inglewood I stand before you today to inform you of gross misappropriation of public funds, your tax dollar currently being allowed by City Manager Artie Fields, Mayor James T. Butts Jr. and the city council members George W. Dotson, Alex Padilla, Eloy Morales Jr, and Ralph L. Franklin and City Attorney Kenneth R. Campos.

Your tax dollars have been utilized to pay for the medical expenses of former council member (1) Jose Fernandez (\$92,270.56) who has not been a Inglewood council member for more than a 15 years and was charged and arrested with the following corruption charges as former Centinela Valley Superintendent: Six (6) Counts of conflict of interest, three (3) Counts of misappropriation of public funds, Two (2) Counts of Grand Theft and One (1) Count of Embezzlement W/Excessive Taking Allegations. (2) Medical expenses of former council member Judith Dunlap (\$4,649.16) who has not been a council member for nearly 11 years. (3) Former Mayor Roosevelt Dorn (\$65,680.40) who resigned the mayors office in 2010, and former City Clerk Hermanita Harris (33,383,82 retired over 15 years ago.

Before former council member Jose Fernandez resigned from his council seat number 3, he agenized an item via resolution or ordinance to provide life time medical benefits for council members. It was voted on and passed by the city council. However, it is illegal per the City Charter of Inglewood for the mayor or a council member to agenized an item and benefit from that same item. The vote to pass the life time medical benefits was illegal in its entirety per the City Charter of Inglewood! Therefore, this is essentially, gross misappropriation of public funds, residents of Inglewood your tax dollars of \$195,983.94 as of April 2020!

Let me make clear, the city council can legally vote to pass an ordinance or resolution to provide life time medical benefits to the City Clerk and City Treasurer. The retired City Clerk Hermanita Harris has life time medical benefits that has been paid on her behalf. However, the City Treasurer is not entitled to life time medical benefit according to City Manager Artie Fields. Artie said council members are! The City Manager gave me the following explanation and I quote. "You are not a department head and you are not an executive." That explanation is not only ludicrous and unfair on its face it is discriminatory! The Treasurer has generated \$90,000,000 in gross investment interest income during my tenure as Treasurer.

When I confronted Mayor Butts he said and I quote, "you can use Medicare, the 10% raise I approved for you, and whatever other insurance you acquire to pay for your insurance when you retire." Again, blatant discrimination! Mayor Butts went on to say he is not going to azenized life time medical because it would put his council colleagues life time medical benefit in jeopardy! Councilmember Eloy Morales, and Ralph Franklin is entitled to life time medical benefits azenized by former councilmember Jose Fernandez who has been prosecuted for public corruption. Similarly, when I asked Mayor to make the Treasurer annual salary equal to that of the City Clerk He refuses. The City Clerk annual salary per payroll records I was able to gain access to is \$135,222, Treasurer \$102,513 at 2018 fiscal Yr.

Let me point out that former councilmember Daniel Tabor, district one, former councilmember Garland Hardeman district 4 who served multiple terms as council members are not entitled to life time medical benefits, because the illegal resolution or ordinance was passed after former councilmember Daniel Tabor was a member of the city council but I believe was passed while councilmember Garland Hardeman may have served at the same time former councilmember Jose Fernandez served as a councilmember and that illegal resolution or ordinance was passed. Garland Hardeman contacted me a number of years ago several times asking for my support to help him get the life time medical benefit. **None of Garland Hardeman or Daniel Tabor, or Curren Price medical bills have been paid since leaving being city council members. The important question is WHY NOT while others were?!**

Several months ago former councilmember Curren Price Jr, wife petitioned the city to pay for her medical expenses. According to news paper accounts, her request was denied. However, If my memory serves me correctly, former councilmember Curren Price Jr. is entitled to the life time medical benefits passed by that illegal resolution or ordinance azenized by former councilmember Jose Fernandez. Former council member Curren Price is now a council member of L.A. Whether current councilmember's George Dotson and Alex Padilla will be entitled to life time medical benefits after serving at least two full terms is questionable.

I request that the City Clerk, Yvonne Horton include this Treasurer Report as part of the documents of this city council meeting held on May 26, 2020.

**I now call for the FBI, Los Angeles County District Attorney Office, and the California State Controller to investigate the misappropriation of public funds detailed in this Treasurer Report immediately in the amount of \$195,983.94 immediately. The residents and tax payers of Inglewood deserve much better!**

Again, please excuse any typos or any other errors or omissions. I just completed the final phase of chemotherapy for the aggressive breast cancer I am fighting. **To God Be The Glory!**

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