

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER

Treasurer Report

September 22, 2020

Wanda M. Brown, Inglewood City Treasurer

SUBJECT: (1) O-1 Staff report recommending adoption of Ordinance No. 20-16 amending the Inglewood Municipal Code for the reassignment of City duties.

(2) Public Works - Staff report recommending approval of a three year agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC, to provide ongoing solid waste monitoring consulting services for the period covering December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2023. (Sanitation Fund) \$ 243,000 Source of funding for the consultants.

DISCUSSION: (1) Article XXV Treasurer of the Inglewood City Charter reads as follows:

Section 1: The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all moneys and securities belonging to the City, and coming into his hands, it goes to read AND pay out such moneys only on warrants signed by the proper officers and not otherwise, for claims or demands which have been previously ALLOWED OR approved by the council. The Treasurer may deposit all or such portion of the public moneys as MAY BE determined by the council in any bank authorized by law to receive deposits of public money, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and laws of the state of California.

Section 2: He may appoint such deputies and employees to assist him at such salaries at such salaries or compensation as the council may by ordinance prescribe.

Section 3: The City Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter, or by general law or by resolution or ordinance of the City Council.

Residents of Inglewood, note that Sections 1, 2, or 3 don't address taking away duties or salary of the Treasurer. Section 3 clearly states the City Council can ADD other duties by resolution or ordinance.

As can be seen, Mayor Butts was so enraged to strip Treasurer Brown of her Charter given duties in Retaliation for providing the Truth about the City's Financial Health and comments made about him, he ordered an ordinance be drafted for the September 15, 2020 agenda to satisfy his huge sad ego! Apparently, someone thought O-1 on 09/15/20 agenda striping the Treasure of her Charter given duties was missing something. The Mayor had one of the more than 40 City consultants review it. O-1 was amended to what appeared on the September 22, 2020 agenda.

City Manager, Artie Fields refused to sign or present O-1. Louis Atwell, who was promoted to Assistant City Manager signed the staff report. Louis Atwell is well known to refer to Mayor Butts fondly as "My Daddy" Faithful Sharon Koike was called upon by Mayor Butts to present O-1. As unusual, Sharon was very nervous and embarrassed, as she should have.

(2) PUBLIC WORKS:

Asst. City Mgr Louis Atwell heads this department, which has a \$12,327,910 fiscal year 2019/20 budget, a large staff of engineers, technical support, and office personnel. Yet, Mayor Butts and his council colleagues readily approves very generous consultants for Louis Atwell:

1. Willdan Engineering.....\$2,499,109
2. Pacifica Services..... 1,693,335
3. Kimley-Horn & Associates..... 1,051,264
4. Psomas..... 888,596
5. Trifiletti Consulting..... 620,030
6. HF&H Consultants..... 243,000

Over \$6,000,000.00! Residents, that' your tax dollars! Department budget, \$12, 327,910. No wonder he refers to Mayor Butts as "My Daddy!" Dept. Paid Consultants Leader!

In my opinion, Louis played the mayor like a Ukulele! Praised him often, agree with him 100%, never criticize him, allow him to take credit for your good ideas and the success of your department, agree with him for all employees he fired, etc,Remind You Of Someone Else?! Oh yeah! The entire executive staff is aware of this non secret! Even the five female executives whom were fired or forced out were aware. They simply refused to play the game! They took pride in their profession and their personal ethics ruled their behavior!

The L. A. District Attorney's Office Bureau of Fraud, and Corruption, The FBI, California State Treasurer's Office, and The SEC are four votes Aye, Aye, Aye, and Aye of districts 1,2,3, & 4 can't help the mayor or themselves with!

City Attorney Kenneth Campos was asked numerous questions in this Treasurer's eight page letter dated September 03, 2020 which has been released to the public due to no response. Neither he, City Manager Artie Fields, nor Mayor Butts replied to that letter as well as two previous eight page memorandums dated 01/28/20 and 11/25/2019. Asst. City Mgr/CFO David Esparza and Asst. City Mgr and head of public works Louis Atwell received the letter.

Kenneth Campos was asked last year by this Treasurer as to why he filed a lawsuit against Joseph Teixeira for a video about council meeting he had on his website, he could not possibly win. He replied, Wanda, "I do what I am told." I guess, ethics was not part of the law course curriculum for Kenneth Campos!

Mayor Butts told USA TODAY, Journalist Josh Peter in an article dated 09/11/20 he consulted city consultants and was advised to file the suit. This was simply a bold face lie! In typical retaliation and raw anger, when angered, the mayor ordered Kenneth Campos to file the lawsuit. Kenneth said YES SIR BOSS, I WILL FILE THE LAWSUIT YOU WANT RIGHT AWAY AGAINST JOSEPH TEIXERA!

- **Again residents, the MOODY'S RATING that Mayor Butts bragged about AGAIN at the September 22, 2020 council meeting. The wonderful rating was paid for via US BANK account for a total of \$53,000.00! \$21,000 paid September 2012, and \$32,000 paid in November 2017! Yes, the mayor bought the good rating for the City!**

I thank God that I am so very blessed, that the mayor cannot harm Treasurer Wanda Brown professionally or economically! Residents of Inglewood know that this Treasurer has provided 32 years of 100% Financial Truth! I taught the students who enrolled in the City Treasurer Student Intern Program for the last 16 years, To Always Have Multiple Streams of Income,... so One Monkey, or not Five Monkeys CAN'T STOP YOUR SHOW!

Thank you Stan Kroenke for building your magnificent five billion dollar NFL Stadium in Inglewood, and thank you for bringing your RAMS to our City. Also special thank you to Roger Goodell and all the NFL team owners for your support in bringing the RAMS to our wonderful City!

Thank you Steve Ballmer for the proposed NBA Basketball Arena to be built in Inglewood and for bringing your Los Angeles Clippers to Inglewood!

Again, Mayor Butts Your Arms Are Too Short To Box With GOD!

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