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Libi Uremovic

Audit XII - General Government Management Services

Posted on March 7, 2013 at 11:49 am

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From July, 2010 through July, 2011 the City of Beaumont issued bi-weekly checks totaling over \$286,000 to General Government Management Services (GGMS). \$67,700 was paid through Fund 14 – Community Facilities District, the remaining was paid from the General Fund. There was also \$10,000 in medical expenses paid by the City for this Company in the same year.

From July, 2011 – to present there is no other transactions listed on the General Ledger and no other checks issued from the General Fund for GGMS.

Resolution 2012-23 Page 2, Section 5 lists Designation of Consultants. Two of the consultants listed are requirements of the State of California – Ron Gunn as 'Financial Consultant', and McFarlin & Anderson LLP as Bond Counsel. The City also lists General Government Management Services as 'Special Tax Consultant' and Urban Logic as 'Project Engineer'. The titles of Special Tax Consultant and Project Engineer are not requirements of the State of California.

On April 24, 2012 Ron Gunn sent an email to the Beaumont City Manager & Finance Director requesting \$51,650.63 wired: "...to Union Bank for deposit into the Cash Flow Management Fund". Ron Gunn also requested invoices submitted for: "\$25,000 to the Authority for admin expense and \$25,000 to the District (IA 20) for admin expenses and \$25,000 to the District (IA 20) for Special Tax Consulting."

On February 24, 2013 I requested the contracts for GGMS as well Ron Gunn, McFarlin & Anderson, and Urban Logic as stated in Section 5 of Res. 2012-23.

On March 5, 2013 Beaumont City Council passes Resolution # 2013-08 removing General Government Management Services as Special Tax Consultant and names other consultants, but does not name another special tax consultant. The other consultants listed are:

- (a) Southwest Securities, Inc as underwriter
- (b) Harris Realty Appraisal as appraisers
- (c) Empire Economic, Inc as market absorption consultants
- (d) Fulbright & Jaworski LLP as disclosure counsel

The City of Beaumont states there is not another checking account, but in the last year the City's General Fund has issued no checks to GGMS, Ron Gunn, McFarlin & Anderson, Southwest Securities, Empire Economics, or Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. The only checks issued for any of the consultants listed is to Urban Logic and three (3) checks to Harris Realty Appraisal issued on 03/08, 03/29, & 04/20/12 for a total of \$71,950.00

The last transactions listed for Empire Economics is on 06/30/11 for \$4,875. The last entry for Rod Gunn Associates is 01/07/10 for \$4,000. Beaumont City Officials state there are contracts in place and emails confirm Ron Gunn's money requests for services rendered. The only issue is how they are being paid.


All roads lead to a hidden bank account.


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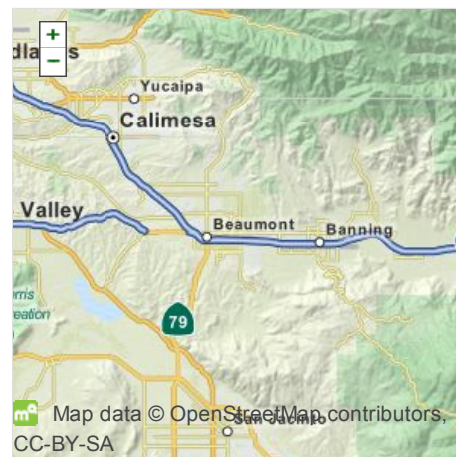
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5:51 pm on Thursday, March 7, 2013

i just received a call from an auditor that went to the office of ron gunn associates to do a visual inspection.....no office ...

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Tempest

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8:08 pm on Thursday, March 7, 2013

Sherlock Holmes and the case of the shell offices. I know, lets get real Karl a chance to make some bucks so he can stop all that crying, by sliding him under the door of these places with a camera. Real Karl come out come out wherever you are. Oh well maybe real Karl is thinking up some more special consultants, assistant to consultant, overseas accounts consultants, where to stash the money consultant, and assistant to where to stash the money consultant. Everyone to collect and handle money all at the low, low price of half of it.

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Libi Uremovic

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5:15 am on Friday, March 8, 2013

our state treasurer wrote an article in the sac bee today ...it's like he's speaking directly to beaumont, but it shows that this is a state-wide problem and the main reason we have financial problems in our state...

not 'one of the reasons'...it's the main reason...it's where most of our tax dollars is being wasted...

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Libi Uremovic

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5:16 am on Friday, March 8, 2013

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/03/08/5245527/public-money-flows-to-private.html>

Jonathan Cole

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12:10 pm on Friday, March 8, 2013

So what you are saying is that the City was paying one company to be a tax consultant, and paid medical benefits which would indicate they are Cities employees and not an independent, but then the trail of payments ceased? But payments are still being asked for, but no one knows who is getting them now? Who can follow all these twisted ways of doing business? It is nearly impossible to unravel financial trails anymore. Beaumont is just like alot of cities in this regard. The middle class is stuck with the bills and those running the show are making bank on handling those bills. Personally, I don't think our country is ever going to be what it used to be. Not when small towns mimic the same secretive and top heavy financial dealings that our federal government performs. Perhaps when the economy picks up Beaumont will avert a disaster of over borrowing, but it should never have happened in the first place.

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Libi Uremovic

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3:21 pm on Friday, March 8, 2013

'...Who can follow all these twisted ways of doing business?...'

the prosecution - the d.a., state dept, and fbi can just track the money ...that's why i didn't bother to go into who owns it or who's name it's hiding under...

'... I don't think our country is ever going to be what it used to be....'

it's all about personal choice ...the 80's developed the 'hurray for me & fk everyone else' and 'greed is good' mentality...and we see the effects on a local, state, and national level...

the 'leaders' of the last 40 years have nothing to be proud of and everything to be ashamed of...

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Ben

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4:04 pm on Friday, March 8, 2013

Hey Libi, you finding anything that is actually against the law, or is this a case of just another city using every loophole and pass the buck on the little guy to develop? Redevelopment is mostly a scam, mello roos is the biggest scam there ever was, and people with no websites or offices claiming to be actual business professionals are making big bucks. Used to be that a business got an honest profit, now they want more so businesses like developers now demand homeowners pay for things they used to. And the cities just let them. Then all these guys that no one knows "handle" all kinds of money, and they are making out. The middle class is getting nailed locally, no doubt about it. They pay and pay, while those building the city are getting rich. Everyone moved out this way to get away from all the developments closer to LA, and have cleaner air and views, less crime and quiet. The way Beaumont is going with all its developments attracting the lowlife gangs and all, everyone will soon be looking further out east to find what they once looked for in Beaumont. Or move back west, for why live far out with mello roos if the place is going to just turn into the place you left with no mello roos?

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Claire Frémont

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5:35 pm on Friday, March 8, 2013

Welcome to the wonderful world of backroom finances, Libi. This might be entirely legal and above board, and all Beaumont has to do is to post on their webpage all the exact details of who performs what duties with the City, and their contracts and annual costs for each service. Why aren't they doing this? No one should have to request, or pay for this information, not with today's technology. And the City Council or Manager have no business acting offended when they are called out as to why they are so secretive and defensive. I would think twice about doing business with Beaumont until all this is straightened out.

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Washy

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10:25 am on Saturday, March 9, 2013

I am much too lazy too look for the water meter blog/conversation. I do home Mr Jolly comes back out to help out here....I just ran from Oak Valley to Highland via Starlight From OVP there are 60+ meter boxes before you get to Highland. That is a little over a mile Is 60+ really needed?

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Washy

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10:26 am on Saturday, March 9, 2013

Shoot that should be I do hope Mr Jolly comes back.....Hey Patch can't we get an edit button

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Nancy Gall

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8:17 am on Sunday, March 10, 2013

Wow-4 bank accounts for a city the size of Beaumont-4 accounts to steal--there is no other solution to this puzzle. The problem is all the people that have been hurt by this scheme. Here's a partial list--homeowners who lost their homes to outrageous CFD taxes, businesses that haven't been allowed to bid on city(and school) projects, people who have been personally injured and yes, lost their lives, to a badly managed police department, other citizens who have had their buildings knocked down for the sole reason of profit to city managers and friends, and many others. This doesn't even mention the lack of street repair and sidewalks--so ULC, GGMS and a few others could personally profit big time. It has to stop.

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Jack

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1:06 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

Are there reserves or not? Or is the city in a deficit?

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Libi Uremovic

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4:20 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

as of 12/31/12 the city had \$1.8 mil in the laif account, \$677,547.67 in the general fund checking and \$43,198.82 in the general fund savings...

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Washy

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4:51 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

But that is all borrowed money basically yes?



Libi Uremovic

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5:07 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

yea, \$284 million debt and \$2.5 mil in cash flow, so you could say the money available is 'borrowed'...

the city will get tax revenue, but the \$5 mill bond debt was due on march 1st... there's not enough tax revenue to cover the bond debt ...



Ken

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4:58 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

Just a bit short of \$11 million the Councilman claimed we had as healthy reserves just a few short months ago during election season.....

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Libi Uremovic

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5:38 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

in the last 8 months the city has paid lawyers \$80,000 for 'monique hernandez' legal case...does anyone know what that is for...?

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Washy

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5:52 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

a police officer blinded a 30yr old single mom. Using a JPX pepper gun at point blank range...I will find you the story(s)



desertpatriot

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8:34 am on Monday, March 11, 2013

@wshy-washy: the "single mom" resisted arrest you silly cow! when one resists arrest you take life into your own hands



Washy

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5:53 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

<http://banning-beaumont.patch.com/search?keywords=JPX>

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Washy

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6:00 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

Here is my question (and forgive me if it appears stupid) but isn't this what we pay the city attorney for? And why fight something when you know you are liable? What is wrong with the world today that everything has to be a fight and nobody stands up and says "I was wrong and I should fix this to the best of my ability" And if it was a cop why isn't this coming out of their fund (oh yea they bought a fancy gun place)

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Ken

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6:57 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

Its because we have and "adversarial judicial" system..Which allows your lawyer to advocate your innocence. If the Prosecution says you are guilty...your lawyer is OBLIGATED (unless you choose otherwise) to say you are not. In this case ..its all Insurance and \$\$ in the civil portion and a Rodney King situation in the criminal portion...



Ken

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6:09 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

<http://www.policeone.com/less-lethal/articles/5587278-Calif-cop-on-leave-pending-pepper-spray-outcome/>

And its gonna get A LOT more expensive
Pay special attention to the comments below the article for what other cops say....

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Ken

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6:16 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

(comment from above mentioned article)

by OafDawg on Friday, May 18, 2012 11:53 PM Pacific

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I have to place the blame for this unfortunate incident squarely on the dept. for issuing the JPX in lieu of an aerosol pepper spray. I'm sure the JPX has a place in the law enforcement officer's arsenal of defensive LTL weapons, but if it is the only intermediate defense OC weapon the officer has, he has to use it as circumstances dictate. With the JPX as your only means of delivering OC, it was only a matter of time before something like this happened. What if the officer was being restrained and his only means of getting free was a shot of OC to the perps face? Is he going to tell the bad guy, "gee buddy, you have to release me so that I can get 5 feet away from you so that I can shoot you with this high speed pepper spray so that I can get free?" With a TASER you can drive stun anywhere on the body to gain compliance and aerosol OC can be used basically point blank to the face. The JPX just seems like bad news for a patrol officer's only means of delivering OC. Here's a link to the manufacturer of the JPX website.

<http://www.piexon.com/>

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Washy

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6:43 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

But it wasn't his only choice he has/had a can on his utility belt! He also (according to grand jury) pick up the JPX put it to her temple, put it back down (this whole time she had one hand in a cuff and her other one was secured in his hand, she called him a few choice words, question his manhood and he picked it back up and had it less then 5 inches from her head. (they based their decision based on dashcam)



Libi Uremovic

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7:24 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

i agree...this is a case of buying the most expensive product made instead of what is needed for the job...

but when it's taxpayer dollars it's nothing but the best...

\$25,000 of the legal fees is for 'trail innovations' - the city is going to try to fight this in court...

the city purchased the product and hired the person that blinded the woman...the city is going to try to discredit her reputation...but her reputation is not in question and the beaumont police's reputation is far worse...

Angelwings

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11:19 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

this incident happened in Feb of last year...it was stated that Ms. Hernandez was 1 of 3 people involved in the altercation, stepping in after her sister and a MAN had started a PHYSICAL altercation, (during a child visitation related confrontation), after which the women and the child left the scene of the incident, arriving at their home, where this

officer clark came into contact with Hernandez...(brings to me to question...at that point it is a "he said, she said" situation so why was the officer conducting himself as if he was pursuing a fleeing assailant?)(this point by itself screams excessive force already.) After the police took Hernandez to the hospital they handcuff her to the bed for 45mins. then she was released without any charges...was this because they had no evidence of guilt on her part or maybe they realized the officer's actions were indisputably a violation of police procedure? either way he was guilty, at least that was what the grand jury determined, as he was indicted on 4 felony counts. I have read that he was on PAID administrative leave, CRAZY?, and the city is fighting the charges, he is pleading innocent, CRAZY?, But anyway, as I already realize, this is something that happened over a year ago... which brings me to ask... does anyone know where the case stands presently, I don't know how long cases like this takes to prosecute or how much more money will go to defend Clark, but I haven't been able to find any updates in this case.



Ken

6:47 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

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The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government. - Thomas Jefferson

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kim murphy

7:54 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

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Here's a question they deny every claim that ever comes thru from people and the claim is listed in the city council meeting agenda. Why was this claim never made record for us to see?

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Ken

8:08 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

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Claims are outright rejected ALWAYS...If I am injured and the City is ultimately responsible...my initial claim for injuries and damages as unlisted...or 4 billion...Any City will deny the initial claim and send it to the lawyers.. As to why that specific claim is not listed....hmmm ? Any theories kim?

Reply



Libi Uremovic

4:36 am on Monday, March 11, 2013

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yes, it's procedure to initially deny claims, but that would only cost \$10,000 in legal fees....they're preparing for trial...

kim murphy

8:21 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

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Well Ken that is what I thought but I was not positive! hmmm theories???

Reply



Ken

11:03 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

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kim is this what you get when trying to access City site?

[http://ca-beaumont.civicplus.com/MyAccount?
dn=www.ci.beaumont.ca.us&from=url&url=/DocumentCenter/Home/Index/33&anchor=](http://ca-beaumont.civicplus.com/MyAccount?dn=www.ci.beaumont.ca.us&from=url&url=/DocumentCenter/Home/Index/33&anchor=)

OH HELL NO!!!!!!!!!!!!

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kim murphy

11:11 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

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What we have to create an account now? What



Libi Uremovic

4:34 am on Monday, March 11, 2013

why would a city keep playing with computer programs and making videos when they're \$284 million in debt...???

talk about fiddling when rome is burning...

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Ken

11:23 pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013

Click around to get around....hmm any theories kim?

lol

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Libi Uremovic

5:24 am on Monday, March 11, 2013

the city attorney is a 'paperpusher' - he's not a trial attorney

the city is using the law firm of 'manning & kass, ellrod, ramirez for the monique hernandez case...the l.a. office has 80 attorneys ...it's a 'walmart' law firm - all quantity, no quality...

if they had went to a decent trial attorney they would have been told to settle quietlyonly a scam law firm would take this to trial ...

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Washy

5:57 am on Monday, March 11, 2013

I am thinking that the family and the family's attorney are holding this up. Believe it or not this family hired my company and a friends company to do work on their house (OMG what pigs they live like!!) and then when we were done we were told we would get TRIPLE our pay when they got the money from the city....and left us unpaid. We go to court on that in a few weeks. OH let me mention Monique did not live with her family nor did she support them, but they are all going to be "very rich" from this (those are Olivia's words to me)

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Libi Uremovic

7:16 am on Monday, March 11, 2013

does anyone know who her lawyer is?

ambulance chasers don't want to go to court because they don't have the skills...trial attorneys make their name in the courtroom, but they don't like to go to court because it takes up their time and juries are unpredictable...

but that's the settlement case.....there is also a criminal charge - the riverside d.a. is charging the police officer with 4 felonies ...maybe the legal fees are for the criminal trial...

'...The double-barreled shot of pepper spray sliced her right eye in half and fractured her orbital bone. Her left eye's optic nerve was also severely damaged, leaving her permanently blind....'

if i was that cop i'd point my finger to the jerk supervisor that purchased for beat cops the same products used in the beirut war...

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Washy

3:19 pm on Monday, March 11, 2013

The "familys" attorney is the Rodney King lawyer

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