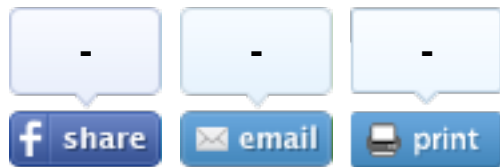


Behind The Iron Curtain Post WWII

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I traveled to Beaumont for the 1st time to attend the July 2nd Council Meeting. The surroundings reminded me of the California of my childhood; peaceful environment, small farms, & families living the American Dream.

There are documentaries showing the impact of developers making deals with corrupt governments without regard to the effects on the locals or environment, but the documentaries are usually located in 3rd world countries.

Cities are divided into three (3) Zones: Residential, Business, & Industrial. The residential zone is where the residences live; the business zone is where the businesses operate; and the industrial zone is where industry is located. The only businesses that are mixed with residential zoning are service & retail operations. Industrial Zones are located on the outskirts of cities in areas that have low property values.

Industries' presence is everywhere in Beaumont, but nowhere is it more heartbreaking than in the Railroad District. The old church and houses are part of Beaumont history and should be preserved. Tourism is a great revenue source and people look for destinations where they can see a glimpse of 'Old California'.

The Council Meeting was reminiscent of a B movie scene of the Post-WWII Eastern Block. The Citizens spoke to Council from a podium with a 3:00 timer and green, yellow, & red lights to indicate when the citizen is allowed to

talk. There is also a buzzer that is used to drown out the speaker.

At the beginning of the council meeting the buzzer started to sound when the speaker had 5 seconds left of their speech. Then the buzzer started cutting people off with 10 seconds left on their speaking time. One man had 25 seconds left to speak when the buzzer started sounding and the Mayor started yelling at him that his time was up.

The Mayor repeatedly violated the Brown Act and disrespected the Citizens. The City Manager repeatedly lied to the Public. The other three members of Council just sat there. They failed at their duty to protect the rights of the People or to requested factual information from the City Manager.

The Citizens have been very vocal about their concerns and have been demanding answers, but not one member of Council has looked into the bond debt and warehouse scam. Councilwoman Knight stated she received a stack of complaints an inch thick, but she didn't do any homework to address the problem.

Council also has a duty of care to protect the City Employees. Judy chastised Rebecca Deming for being a part of the bond scam, but Ms. Deming is only an employee doing what she is told by her superiors. The City applies the centuries-old strategy of using women to mask their intentions. The Viet Cong used women to approach U.S. Soldiers, drug dealers use woman as mules, and Beaumont is having women sign documentation and represent the City to mask what is going on behind the scenes.

These woman are just members of the community that took jobs with the city. They are not the masterminds, but they are signing paperwork that will hold them legally liable. Councilman DeForge should be especially sensitive to legal liability of the signatory. DeForge not only has a daughter that is being used as a pawn, but Council has also relieved the Finance Director & City Manager of their legal liability by signing the General Fund Checks.

I don't know how Council got talked into being the authorized signatory on checks, but I suggest Council google the term 'Hot Potato'.

I regret that I didn't speak to any member of Council, but after the meeting

no one had the impression that Council wanted to hear from the People unless the people were telling them what they wanted to hear. I attended the meeting because it was listed on the Agenda as a 'Workshop'. A workshop is a forum with back & forth dialogue and open communication. Beaumont City Council's workshop was nothing more than an agenda item.

The People of Beaumont are a slice of 21st century Americana. There are families that have lived in the area for generations mixed with young families struggling to find a safe place to raise their kids. Both demographics are decent people that want to live in a Democracy, not in a Socialist Regime.

Council voted down the Heartland Warehouse Project, but everyone knows the City will find another reason to create more bond debt. The Citizens pay for government and elect & pay Politicians to oversee government. When the Citizen also has to fight their elected and appointed officials it's time to change the government.

The Citizens of Beaumont need Council to represent them and tell them the truth about the financial condition of the City. It is the duty of Council to 'fact check' their own meetings and city employees.

If Council can not separate themselves from the City Manager the People have no choice but to remove Council.

The 4th of July is our Country's tribute to the People for freeing themselves from an oppressive government. Declaring their freedom from the mother country was not easy, but it was a battle fought so future generations could prosper. To preserve their future; the People of Beaumont must take back their government today.

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