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Libi Uremovic

Beaumont Audit III – Forging The Check Warrants

Posted on December 27, 2012 at 4:41 pm



Every financial transaction must be made public. Falsifying the check warrants is considered forgery.

State and Federal laws run very deep in this area and have very stiff prison sentences. Stealing the money is embezzlement, but falsely ratifying the checks is forgery and perjury.

03/26/12 - ACH DEBIT – CITY OF BEAUMONT PAYABLES 000001OFFSET Mar 26 - \$4,058.45.
Warrant List shows transfer # 703 processed on 03/26/12 and transfer # 704 processed on 03/30/12.
There are no transactions listed on the Check Warrant to justify this debit.

08/24/12 - ACH DEBIT – CITY OF BEAUMONT PAYABLES 000001OFFSET Aug 24 - \$23,623.98.
Check Warrant dated 09/18/12 shows transfers total \$17,511.48. This leaves a \$6,112.50 discrepancy.

Warrant List dated 10/02/12 – EFT000849 – 09/21/12 – STATE STREET BANK & TRUST - \$17,720.32. This transaction is not found on the General Fund Bank Statement.

10/02/2012 – ACH DEBIT – CITY OF BEAUMONT PAYABLES 000001OFFSET Oct 02 - \$17,720.32 – listed on page 3 of October Bank Statement. The last electronic funds transfer on Warrant List for 10/02/12 is dated 09/26/12 and transfer on Warrant List for 10/02/12 is dated 10/04/12.

Electronic Funds Transfers # 000883 – 000890 – This are not listed on the Warrant Reports. Council ratified transaction #882 on 11/06/12 – and ratified transaction #891 on 12/04/12. The Council meeting scheduled for 11/20/12 was canceled. It is important to note that there is no discrepancy in the check numbers.

The 'big three' responsible are the Finance Director, City Manager, and City Clerk that has an extra duty of care to assure the check warrants are not forged. State Law does not mandate that Council visibly view the checks before authorizing the check warrants.

Other entries on the Bank Statement that are not accounted for on the Check Registers:

10/10/12 – ACH DEBIT – MG Trust 142 07C647PX0000142 Oct 10 - \$21,417.61

10/10/12 – ACH DEBIT – MG Trust 142 07C647PX0000142 Oct 10 - \$21,813.11

10/10/12 – ACH DEBIT – MG Trust 142 07C647CN0000142 Oct 10 - \$22,406.51

10/10/12 – ACH DEBIT – MG Trust 142 07C647CN0000142 Oct 10 - \$22,670.40

The above transactions are listed in various amounts every month, but there is no accounting for them on the Check Warrants.

Wire Transfers: There are two Wire Transfers shown on the General Ledger that are not found on the Bank Statement:

06/27/12 – 212889 – 35-9350-4060-0000 - \$759,788.36

06/27/12 – 212890 – 35-9350-4060-0000 - \$296,249.14

Health & Fitness Reimbursement: Every department had three (3) entries added for health and fitness that have no memo and exaggerated amounts.

Transaction Number – Date

208734 – 05/04/12 – Health and Fitness Reimbursement

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215049 – 07/27/12 - Health and Fitness Reimbursement

222921 – 10/25/12 - Health and Fitness Reimbursement

Union Bank Of California: I've been asked about these transactions; they look like a credit card charge.

175516 – 03/04/11 - \$15,618.78 – Union Bank

190742 – 09/09/11 - \$16,145.26 - Union Bank

194769 – 11/04/11 - \$4,941.12 – Union Bank

199215 – 01/05/12 - \$15,894.81 – Union Bank

202962 – 02/24/12 - \$30.00 – Union Bank

210503 – 06/08/12 - \$15,594.81 – Union Bank

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Ken Flag as inappropriate
 10:17 pm on Thursday, December 27, 2012
 Have your findings, in other audits, shown similar aberrations? Or is this unique? Just wondering. Ty

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Libi Uremovic Flag as inappropriate
 4:59 am on Friday, December 28, 2012
 each city shows different variations, but basically it's all the same...

the problem is that there is no uniform accounting procedures for the cities, so each city is developing their own ways to hide money ...and that makes it hard for the state to track....the cali cpa association is on my sh!t list for not locking down the procedures when handling government money....

our cali cities need to close their books monthly and show that they are following their budgets just like the private sector...

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 5:00 am on Friday, December 28, 2012
 i found this list of journal entries:

- 208568 – 05/04/12 - \$2,223.74 – Kensington 31288 – Lot 24
- 308569 – 05/04/12 - \$2,223.74 – Kensington 31288 – Lot 117
- 208570 – 05/04/12 - \$2,223.74 – Kensington 31288 – Lot 115
- 208571 – 05/04/12 - \$2,223.74 – Kensington 31288 – Lot 120
- 208839 – 05/10/12 - \$13,342.44 – Colonade PH 5 Lots 14-16, 34-3
- 209484 – 05/24/10 - \$287,894.00 – 2012 SERIES A Develop Contrib
- 212854 – 06/27/12 - \$13,342.44 – Keystone Ph 5 Deferred Fees
- 213389 – 07/05/12 - \$13,342.44 – Colonade Ph 6 Al Fees Paid
- 215608 – 08/02/12 - \$8,894.96 – 33096-10
- 215609 – 08/02/12 - \$13,342.44 – 33096-3 Keystone
- 217654 – 08/31/12 - \$3,166.05 – Kensington TR 31288- 1 Pal 9A
- 217655 – 08/31/12 - \$18,996.30 - Kensington TR 31288- 1 Pal 8A
- 218103 – 09/10/12 - \$3,166.05 - Kensington TR 31288- 1 Lot 9
- 218104 – 09/10/12 - \$3,166.05 - Kensington TR 31288- 1 Lot 10
- 218105 – 09/10/12 - \$3,166.05 - Kensington TR 31288- 1 Lot 21
- 218106 – 09/10/12 - \$6,332.10 - Kensington TR 31288- 1 Lot 22 & 37

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218437 – 09/13/12 – \$8,894.96 – Colonnade Ph 8 Def Fees Paid
218438 – 09/13/12 - \$9,498.15 – Colonnade Ph 9 Def Fees Paid
218439 – 09/13/12 - \$13,342.44 – Keystone Ph 7 Def Fees Paid
218440 – 09/13/12 - \$9,498.15 – Keystone Ph 8 Def Fees Paid

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Libi Uremovic

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see the '05/04/12' date appears here and in the 'health & fitness reimbursements'...

it looks like the city bought these lots and diverted the expense to the departments ...and when you hear the political mantra about employee benefits being high - this is the reason....the people at the top are attaching additional expenses to the line worker's employee benefits...

Ben

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3:17 pm on Friday, December 28, 2012

Why develop ways to hide money- cities shouldn't be hiding money. every single check and transaction should be clearly labeled as to what/why/who. if you can't get answers as to what these things are for, and they can't come up with that info, really, what kind of penalties are we really looking at here? seems like slaps on wrists and lots of oh we will take your recommendations, stuff like that. Just look at Hoffman McCann who did Bell and our water district audits, and got fined for being idiots about being slack about not asking for proof while auditing. by the time you actually pin down that money can't be accounted for, everyone has left the building, and there is no pursuit. people yelling about solyndra ignore the solyndra's in their own back yard.

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Judy Bingham

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8:39 am on Saturday, December 29, 2012

I wrote this on the Patch in December 2011 :

"The city is run like a business," said Egger.

I am tired of hearing that Beaumont is "run like a business". That is precisely the point. Business can gouge its customers for whatever profit it can get, pass the income on to its shareholders (Urban Logic) and laugh all the way to the bank. Government CAN NOT. We are not customers, but taxpayers. It is our money. We are not given the opportunity to shop elsewhere.

Governmental rules, ethics and laws are expressly written to PREVENT running a government like a business!

Business can hire as it wishes to contract a job, government CAN NOT. Mr. Kapanicas, City Manager keeps touting this absurd statement to show justification for managing a city in violation of governmental ethics and standard practices. It reveals to me that they are taking tax dollars that should be benefiting Beaumont's citizens, not making the 1099 employees multi millionaires.

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Judy Bingham

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Under his 2005 contract Kapanicas recommended development and was paid a percentage for managing the City's CFD (Mello -Roos) account. We have no way of knowing what he makes from this activity. His partner, Mr. Moorjani as the City's Public Works Director and a principal of Urban Logic Consultants, Inc. is also paid a percentage from this (not made available to the public) account when the bonds are sold. One council member (Gall) has asked numerous times for information from this account, but has never received it.

If the City Council plans to allow Mr. Kapanicas to continue in this manner, could they at least sign BEAUMONT, INC. up with the Better Business Bureau, so we have somewhere to file our complaints when we get no product for our purchase?

When the Director of Planning, Ernie Egger threatened BCRG (group to the south) and CVAN (Cherry Valley Acres and Neighbors) with a lawsuit for questioning the City's "business" practices, we could not believe that City employees would actually carry through on their threat to sue the very citizens that they should be serving. (See Corruption in the City of Beaumont - Tactics - www.BeaumontGate.org)

How dare citizens question their so-called "business" ?

I would suggest you contact the DA's office with your concerns and not waste time with these local politicians. There should be a FORENSIC ASUDIT of the city's finances. Follow the money!

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margaret bragg

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Taking into account that some of Libi's findings may have a valid explanation, there is just too much here to believe that all is okay. Nobody can afford this. California taxpayers aren't so flush that they can just keep coughing up vast amounts of money to run their governments, particularly when their public servants are siphoning it off as fast as they can. The IRS needs to look at some tax records. I would be interested to know what income these guys are recording. I'll bet it looks normal. Somebody(s) is(are) building nice offshore bank account(s). Lovely for them to retire in style courtesy of the citizens of Beaumont. If a couple hundred people contact the D.A., how can he ignore you? All you need say is "Please investigate Beaumont." While you're at it, contact the IRS and FBI too. Remember the immortal words of Thomas Jefferson, " People get the government they deserve." No one deserves this, but it will take an outcry to make something happen.

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