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City Of Lafayette  
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RE: New Complaint against Councilor Leah Harper

I usually don't go to this web site but I am shocked and amazed at what I have read. Let me lay out exactly what was said Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 that prompted me to write my first complaint. Michael Roberts

Brought out that the Counselors are running their decisions and beliefs and judgements, etc.... on the basis of transparency. So Leah Harper was brought up regarding some copies that were made. This is how Leah Harper appeared to explain it to the Counselors and those of us constituents. I am not quoting and I would like a copy now from the meeting to compare to what she is now stating on this website they are two different explanations that she states are the truth. I am so confused.

Leah Harper

I spoke to Justin Boone the City Administrator and asked him about Public Documents. I had a person who wanted some Public Documents and I wanted to know how it was done. Justine Boone told me that as long as a Counselor was present that the person could make copies of the Public Documents. So I was present Justin said it was this drawer and the Gentleman went through the drawer and copied or scanned all the documents he wanted. Questions were asked by Counselors such as who was the person. She was vague and just said he wasn't a resident of Lafayette. Questioned about what the documents were she stated she didn't know what all the documents were but she could find out. She continued to be vague.

I was getting very frustrated and again I would like the notes of the meeting that just pertain to this situation so we can see exactly how she answered these questions. Another gentlemen in front of me wanted answers and wants an investigation started into the actions of Counselor Leah Harper and I second that. I have already put together one complaint but now she has given me more reason to show her dishonesty and reason to believe her motives as a Counselor went against City Policy. There is a procedure set in place that the Counselors can get all the copies they want they just have to ask Trena and fill out the proper paperwork. Leah Harper went around this system knowingly and willingly.

It states in this Web Page her Motives I along with a consultant involved in our current water investigation, went to City Hall to obtain Public Water Records. She admits she

knowingly and willingly knew what she was doing. I would like her to elaborate on this consultant. What type of a consultant is he? Is the City paying for it? Does the Attorney know about all this that is going on? She is now say that Justin Boon said for her to oversee it. That is not exactly how it was presented to us that night at the Counsel Meeting.

She admits to the full access to Public Records so why didn't she get them herself? Why use someone else whom we don't know and putting the whole community on edge now because we don't know if our privacy has been invaded. She states that it is her responsibility to maintain oversight at City Hall again there are procedures in place to obtain these copies. Perhaps this Gentleman is not a Consultant but has very good Technological skills to scan things and obtain information for Counselor Leah Harper something she couldn't do on her own. Just a thought because again I am confused she had access to this information and I would like a business card from this gentleman stating he is a water consultant. She states that this opportunity to scan Public Water Documents was NECESSARY in forwarding the water investigation. Was it really worth the expense of now the community thinking that personal information got out, or it was totally sneaking, or he didn't have to pay and we do, or it was deceiving, or her reputation is at stake, just to name a few. But the biggest is the cost of the mindset of a person that is not from this city having access to who knows what and copied or scanned who knows what. Now we have two stories. What are we really supposed to believe. In most police cases they say once you cover up something and you come up with another story most likely that story is probably untrue also. Who is to believe a thing now? These Political Motive games are costing the Citizens of Lafayette everything. Especially trust with People who are suppose to have our best interest at heart. Sorry but when I believe given two different stories now that you might have lied and deceived you don't have my best interest at heart.

So it goes on to say that she does have some paperwork into the City with Trena. But I guess she was just not patient enough to go through the proper procedures to wait for it. She states that I want a break down and accountability of how this money was spent, but had not been able to obtain the information from Trena McManus, who is assistant to the City Administrator. I would like Trena to be able to respond to this. It still doesn't give Counselor Leah Harper the right to therefor take it upon herself and put our city at risk and take what she wanted with supposably a person who is a Consultant water person again I believe he just had great skills in scanning for her. Just a guess.

Counselor Leah Harper was directed to a file Cabinet that apparently contains all the public (not Private) records related to Lafayette's water she states. Doesn't that make everyone feel good now that the word apparently is used? But remember just the Counselor and the Gentlemen from out of town were left in the room alone. So does it really matter what drawer? They should have never been left alone and they should have never had access to drawers of the City of Lafayette. She states no staff time was spent. That is correct. Because proper procedure is Trena is present and knows is exactly what is going on at all times. But she wasn't there that day to oversee everything. So of course the scary word used here is no Trena Supervising. It doesn't matter how she feels

about the public having to pay for public records. Everyone feels that way and they are supposedly trying to change that but that still doesn't give you that right to go take them your self without going through proper procedures. What else are you capable of doing to get what you want?

Scares me! We all have to go through the process regardless of the time it takes. No excuses. I guess we can all storm down to City Hall ask what drawer and skip the procedures part and not pay because our great Counselor Leah Harper took it upon herself to set precedent to get any way shape or form even if it meant going around the system.

Yes we will see online the documents supposedly she got, but how do we really know that it is all the documents, we will never know? We have to trust these two people now. UHOH. And she states that due to time constraints there was limited information, THANK GOD. Counselor Leah you are right I did say that I cannot afford the documents and that is why I should get a big credit from what you owe the City now since your Consultant obtained the documents so I can get my records. They have these rules and regulations for a reason. Many people are pushing to change these rules but does that give us the right to find ways to go around the system or to beat the system or to cheapen the system. As a Counselor I cannot believe one would do this. You have rights so does your consultant to get these records under the ordinance. But there are city procedures that I know that through the records will show that you have probably gone through yourself in the past, and even stating that you are trying to change it because of the cost and everything, acknowledges you know the procedures.

We now have two different explanations from Councilor Leah Harper. Please compare the notes from the Meeting dated Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and this response from her personally and tell me which one we are supposed to believe. I would like to ask that Councilor Leah Harper be censored on her Public Records Documents because we can now no longer trust her actions. Actions speak louder than words.

I am still extremely worried about my privacy rights especially now knowing she meant to do this and in this manner exposing documents to a person outside our community for her personal gain. The thought that the two of them had access to everything and was unsupervised is an extremely scary thought. I hope and pray you do something. If not I will continue to write you letters and documents this for who knows how long. I will figure something out to make you look at this situation seriously.

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