

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT (CRG)

PO Box 816 - Bandon, OR

Dear Fellow Registered Voter:

Once more, those who run the City of Bandon are reaching into your pocket. This time it is in the form of a CONTRACT and a GOLDEN PARACHUTE for the City Manager, Matt Winkel, and the City Recorder, Marie Ducharme.

Under the terms of the contracts being proposed by the City Manager at the January 5, 2004 City Council meeting, the only way either may be dismissed from their position is to be convicted of a felony or theft of City funds.

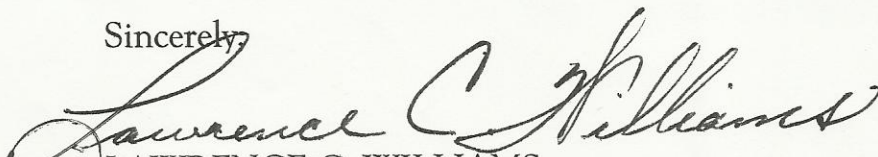
In addition, the contracts, which were prepared by Matt Winkel, seek indemnification from any tort, liability claim, or other legal action for activities by either person while employed by the City of Bandon, AS WELL AS, requiring the City to pay for any legal representation which they might require. (Interesting?) These contracts are excessive! City officials should be personally liable for their actions & they should personally defend those actions. The City Council should NOT adopt language requiring Bandon's citizens to pay for the defense of actions by City officials. WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND THE JANUARY 5, 2004 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Furthermore, the CRG is sponsoring three City Charter Amendments which will insert ACCOUNTABILITY into the management of our City.

Please read the information enclosed and contact one of the locations listed or telephone me at 347-7433 to sign the petitions to place these initiatives on the ballot.

LET THE VOTERS DECIDE!

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE C. WILLIAMS

Chief Proponent

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For those of you who missed the City Manager's recent Newsletter, he calculated that the new form of City Government would cost \$283,956.51 per year.

As usual, that is only half the story.

I guess that he ***FORGOT*** that **HIS** budget *JUST TO MANAGE THE UTILITIES* next year is **\$435,399**. Add to that the Council budget of **\$29,550** plus the FINANCE DEPARTMENT'S **\$341,793** just to handle the utility bills. Passing the Charter Changes could save Bandon citizens about \$500,000 a year.

The Auditor on the CFRG Transition Team has assured me that the monthly cost of sending the utility bills and receiving the payment could be reduced to about \$1.00 per bill, including postage, from the present budget amount of \$7.92 per bill.

You read right. The current budget calls for a **\$7.92** cost **FOR EACH MONTHLY UTILITY BILL** to be printed (by computer), sorted (by computer), mailed, payment received, your account posted (on computer), and a deposit slip prepared (by computer), and the money put in the bank.

The current budget shows that the City Finance Department will spend **\$1,356.32 a day** processing less than 4,000 monthly utility bills, especially when the computer does most of the work.

That same budget shows that the City Manager expects to spend over **\$1,727.77 a day** "managing" the Utility Companies.

Now you can understand why the City Manager wants to increase rates for your water and your electricity!

IT IS TIME FOR A MORE EFFICIENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR BANDON

SUPPORT THE CHANGES TO THE CITY CHARTER

To the **379 people** who signed the petition to place the three measures on the ballot --- **BEWARE!!** The newest **appointee** to the City Council says "...the Council has a duty to convince these people that they are being led down the wrong path."

It must be wrong to allow the registered voters of Bandon to decide how the City will be governed.

That same **APPOINTEE** to the Council also thinks the electorate incapable of making a decision on utility rates. He thinks he "can figure out a way to convince the voters that the City needs its rate setting authority back."

HAS ANYONE TOLD THESE PEOPLE THAT **THEY WORK FOR US?** IT IS OUR RIGHT TO CHANGE THE FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT, IF WE CHOOSE TO DO SO, AND HAVE THE **Mayor and Councilors stand for elections as provided in the ORS.**

VOTE YES

#98—Change Charter to have paid, full time Council

#99—Makes the Mayor Administrative Head of the City

#100—Amend Duties and Rules for Council

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GOOD NEWS: The City Council is not going to raise Sewer Rates during 2004, as they did, **without justification**, in both fiscal 2002 and 2003.

BAD NEWS: The new City Budget calls for a **50%** increase in water rates. The proposal is for a SPECIAL ELECTION (at an estimated cost to taxpayers of \$3,600) to be held in September of this year. IN ADDITION, electric rates are to be increased **8%**.

MORE BAD NEWS: There is a **10%** tax on the increases, which means the increases actually are **55%** for **water** and **8.8%** for **electricity**.

WHAT THE PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET SHOWS

Cost to mail and process our **utility bills** each **month** (and this does not include meter reading) is **\$28,482.75**.

Annual cost of ADMINISTRATIVE (City Manager) OVERSIGHT for the **utilities** is **\$435,399**.

No wonder massive increases in utility rates are planned!

Total payroll for 38.5 full time employees is **\$2,767,920**. **That is \$71,894 per employee.**

The cost of the City Manager's department and the Finance Director's department is **\$960,302**.

City of Bandon is in debt \$7,452,482. That does not include the nearly **ONE MILLION-DOLLAR** shortage in the City's PERS account as of 6/30/03.

Your City Council had the opportunity to fill the Ingham vacancy with a highly talented, former executive of a large Portland corporation. Instead, they selected (by a 5 to 0 vote) a former council member who was once recalled and who lost his bid for re-election as Mayor. At least, his probation period is over (I think).

The **Federal Government** just passed a budget, which will cost every citizen **\$8,500** the next fiscal year.

THE BANDON CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO PASS THE CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET WHICH WILL COST EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN BANDON \$6,000 THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

On May 18, 2004

VOTE YES ON THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Ballot numbers 98, 99, and 100

Bandon is a **UTILITY BUSINESS** as well as a **CITY**.
Establish **ACCOUNTABILITY** and **RESPONSIBILITY** at
all levels --- from the **MAYOR** to the newest hire.

**SUPPORT THE NEW FORM OF
GOVERNMENT**

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