Public Disclosure Complaint--City Treasurer Official Statement Filing

Byron Olson reported 7 days ago (Wed, 7 Jun at 1:23 PM) via Email To: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Cc: cpritcher@wallawallawa.gov, rgwinn@wallawallawa.gov Greetings:

The City of Walla Walla received an e-mailed complaint from the PDC on Friday, May 26 with a time stamp of 7:10 PM addressed to Carol Pritcher, Executive Assistant to the City Manager. For reference, this was the start of the Memorial Day holiday weekend. On Tuesday morning, June 2, Ms. Pritcher forward your e-mail to my attention. In addition, the City of Walla Walla has sent, via US Mail, a hard copy of our response to the complaint in addition to this e-mail response.

Below is the text of our response to the complaint:

The City of Walla Walla acknowledges and regrets our failure to timely file the Certification Statement from the City Treasurer regarding investment of public funds.

The City's former Deputy City Manager retired early in 2016 and did not file the required disclosure with the PDC prior to his retirement. His successor did not file the required disclosure with the PDC prior to his termination by the City in November 2016. I was hired as the new Deputy City Manager (serving as the City Treasurer is one of the responsibilities of the Deputy City Manager) and started my new position on March 8, 2017.

Unfortunately, I was not aware of the filing requirement when I came on board but that has now been rectified. We have calendared the filing requirement for March 1, 2018 well in advance of the filing deadline of April 15.

After researching the issue further within the City of Walla Walla, we discovered that the former Deputy City Manager had appointed the City Clerk to act as the Deputy City Treasurer (see attached).

We have completed the Certification Statement with the signature of Kammy Hill who was appointed and continues to serve as the Deputy City Treasurer.

Please advise if the City needs to do anything further to bring the City into compliance with the filing requirements for the City Treasurer.

Please feel free to contact me. My contact information is shown below.

Best regards.

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