

Matthew Morton

From: Victor Barbosa
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:03 PM
To: Matthew Morton
Subject: Re: City Hall Issue

Matt,

As i told you yesterday i would talk to the source and get back to you . The source is afraid of Barbara i told them what you told me and how we would handle the meeting I can't force them to come leaving me to think either its true or fake all that i asked was for it to stop if it was. I don't understand why I have to feel that I'm in the wrong for bringing this up. Second i never asked anyone to treat me different so stop acting like i have.

Victor Barbosa
Council Member - District 2
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Sent from my iPad

On Feb 10, 2021, at 3:53 PM, Matthew Morton <MMorton@palmcoastgov.com> wrote:

Mr. Barbosa –

I am writing in regards to the meeting you, City Attorney Bill Reischmann and I had yesterday, at your request, wherein you claimed you are “being targeted” by Barbara Grossman of Code Enforcement. You based this claim on your nebulous stated personal experiences and because, in your words, that Code Staff “knew where you were the other day”. However, when I pressed you for specific information, you provided none, only citing your connection(s) in the Code Division.

I have some thoughts and observations I want to share with you –

1. This is not the first time you have mentioned you “have people” or people are telling you things. This is inappropriate conduct for City Staff and for you. This is not helpful nor productive to our City’s organization and is likely a violation of Palm Coast City Charter and your Oath of Office.
2. As I have maintained since the outset, I have stayed completely out of your code citation process. I reiterate to you that you have been and will be treated like every other citizen of Palm Coast. I only got involved upon your first accusation of “being targeted” to let you know that was untrue.
3. Please familiarize yourself with the Code Board Notice of Violation, or obtain help doing so. You asked me yesterday why you were still headed for a Code Board Hearing as you said “you have resolved” the basis for the complaint. Again, as I mentioned, a process is outlined within the Notice to make code staff aware and

thereby potentially remove you from the hearing agenda and hold in abeyance any further code compliance action.

4. I will not operate on “back room” information. I request, again, here in writing, that you, Barbara Grossman and I meet with your “source(s)” and with City Attorney Bill Reischmann to resolve these allegations. Someone is clearly not telling the truth, and I am committed to discovering who that is and taking the appropriate course of action.

As always I am here as a resource and partner for the Councils success. What I expect of you, and frankly hope you expect of me, is a working relationship built off of trust, transparency, honesty and intentions congruent with actions that lead to the best outcomes for our City.

Yours,

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