

Steven Soloff

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Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 3:06 PM
To: "Steven Soloff" <s_soloff@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Re: City of Tamarac Liaison

Mr. Soloff: forgive my taking so long to respond to your email but I wanted to ask your questions to the appropriate persons to be sure I am giving you the correct facts.

Vice Mayor Dressler does serve as an advisor to the Investment Committee but he does not receive any compensation for this position. We, as members of the City commission, are allowed to participate in any of the Boards & Committees that meet but no one, including the volunteer residents who are appointed to these committees is paid anything by the City of Tamarac.

The City of Tamarac has never hired, or required any HOA member to act as a liaison with the City. I certainly never heard of such a thing as an HOA Board member (treasurer, secretary, vice-president & president) and have just asked this question of various City directors and have been given a resounding "no" by all. I am not clear on why your association would pay anyone to act as a liaison with the City and am somewhat taken back by the idea as I believe that is exactly why you elect a Commissioner in the first place!

I can't agree with your assumption about the duties of your liaison because there simply is no such thing.

I also do not know who Michelle A. Charger is, nor does any other person in the City that I asked. We are familiar with the name of your president, Michelle A. Changer-Coe...is that the person you are referring to? Either way, there is no contract and never was. I do not even get an invitation to attend your HOA meetings from her, much less a request to meet with any member of your Board.

I hope I have been able to answer your questions but feel free to contact me if you have any further concerns. We have a wonderful program called Tamarac University that you might be interested in joining. Each department of the City demonstrates how they work in a 6 week series of classes. You sound like a citizen who would really appreciate this opportunity.

Pamela Bushnell
 Commissioner
 City of Tamarac

On Oct 17, 2013, at 8:35 PM, "Steven Soloff" <s_soloff@bellsouth.net> wrote:

Greetings Commissioner Bushnell,

Pardon this interruption, but I'm hoping you can give me some insight into an aspect of municipal government of which I am unfamiliar. (Please note, this message is NOT about the new City of Tamarac HOA Liaison educational program.)

I recently learned that my homeowners association hired someone to act in the capacity of "City of Tamarac liaison" for "the benefit of the homeowners association" (as stated in the contract). I had never heard of such a position before, but some research revealed that it is apparently not unheard of, as Commissioner Dressler has "City of Tamarac Liaison, Investment Advisory Committee" listed under his community service achievements on tamarac.org. However, Commissioner Dressler's role in this position sounds more like a voluntary collaborator rather than a paid representative.

In your experience as both a commissioner and an HOA president, have you ever heard of an HOA hiring someone to act as a liaison with the City?

I would assume one duty of our liaison would be to interact with City staff, including our commissioner. Can you remember if you ever met with our liaison, MICHELLE A. CHARGER? She was apparently hired in July 2011 and would have served until no later than July 2013, as the contract had a maximum duration of 24 months.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Regards,
Steven Soloff
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