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Open records request

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To the City of Austin Open Records, the records I am referring to at TARA at 124 West 8th Street, Suite 210, Austin, Texas 78701. Manager: Rondella Hawkins.

The Contractor we reference is: PACT (Public Access Community Television) residing at: 1143 Northwestern Avenue, Austin, Texas 78702 Phone: 512- 478-8600, Garry Wilkison, ext. 18, and Linda Litowsky ext. 19.

I understand that I am asking for a lot of information. I do not necessarily need copies of everything I am asking for, I am requesting an opportunity to examine them and select documents for duplication. Due to the fact of my dyslexia there will be one other person to help me read and understand the documents that I am requesting. We will need a small private area to examine them in. If any live on digital format we will be happy to supply DVD's, CD's or hard drives to copy these digital files to. Saving both parties the expense of duplication. Some of the documents that I examine I will simply take pictures of with my cell phone. But, will pay any reasonable duplication fees that the City requires and I am willing to follow any guidelines that the City may have for requests such as mine.

I thank you for your help in this matter.

Requests:

I would like any documents that explain how PACT Television and the City of Austin can be Co-owners in a high-definition camera? PACT management has made the statement many times that they co-own a camera with the city and when the contract is over they plan to take this camera with them. They call it "The Documentary Camera" and Producers are not allowed access to this equipment.

In my last open records request I requested a check written to PACT for three thousand dollars, for enlarging checks so they can be read easily.

On the document I received however someone wrote an explanation on this document, why was this done? I did not ask for an explanation I ask of the documents. Please in the future do not deface any documents with explanations if you have to, attach an explanation please do so on a second sheet of paper.

I would like to examine all checks that were enlarged both before and after they were enlarged to see if this expenditure was truly necessary. Then I will pick several examples for duplication.

I would like to examine all financial documents furnished by Public Access Television in the last 24 months to the city. Checks, balance sheets, receipts, spreadsheets any email that discussed financial matters quarterly reports of any kind that the contractor has furnished to the city.

In 2006, 2007, and 2008 quarterly reports were furnished to the City. I would like to examine these reports. That should contain these documents, Time Sheets, staff reports, contracts signed by producers. Spreadsheets that show the use of the equipment, who used it and for how many hours it was being used. Repair orders, estimates for repairs, trouble reports submitted by producers, receipts for reimbursement of expenses. Copies of credit card receipts. All documents submitted in any format, digital, on paper, or otherwise.

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Any expediter of funds from the City to the contractor any and all financial documents Digital or on paper. I know for a fact that the City gives PACT \$ 15,000.00 from time to time for repair of City property.

All audio recordings of conversations between contractor and the City of Austin employees. I know for a fact that PACT management records conversations with City Officials.

I have furnished the equipment and instructed management how to use it for recording these conversations. Stefan Wray has in the past played one of these conversations for me in his office. The conversation was dealing with my previous open records request. The parties in the conversation were Linda Litowsky, Garry Wilkison, Terry Dyke and Rondella Hawkins. I know that the City may not have a copy of these recordings. The contractor does and there are no laws to my knowledge that prevents the City from at least asking for a copy of these recordings. I also understand that the contractor does not have to furnish them. But, at least the City should request them.

All documents or records pertaining to the purchasing of equipment for PACT's use either thru the City, Time Warner or any third party (i.e. Whitlock Group) or any other contractor thru the City during 2007 – 2009. We are especially looking for documents pertaining to the purchase of a Sony DSR 400, camera that was ordered without a lens.

I am looking for all documents pertaining to Grants, Entitlements, Contracts or any documentation with the City or Government Agencies to produce educational material, surveys that PACT received funds for in exchange for product (i.e. video, testimonials, white papers, or any documentation). We are especially interested in one grant project conducted by a lady named Martha pertaining to Public Access and the change in the laws that fund Public Access. We were forced to attend many mandatory meetings, during which many staff hours and resources were used. Maria, and Sol Waters spent many hours working on this project and should be able to tell you Martha's complete name and the name of this project. I firmly believe the results of this grant were the basis of the age discrimination. Statements were made to me that Martha said "Old" people like myself alginate our client base and "Young" people like Sol where gathers. They gathered young people to them. After hearing these statements from Linda and Stefan Wray, my job was terminated at Public Access. The question is did this Grant encourage Age Discrimination?

Open Records:

I would like to inspect all the open records requested to TARA in the last 24 months.

The question is just what are people asking for?

In my original open records request, I asked for INet records showing the use or lack of use for this very expensive communication network. Anytime you want to use the INet you have to fill out a form and submit it within 60 days prior to use. The last time I asked for the records I got a list of people who were able to use the INet that is not what I asked for and not what I am looking for. I am looking for who uses it, how many times do they use it, and when did they use it? This information can be obtained from the original work orders.

I am looking for any documents that actually contain when the equipment was actually used in the last 24 months. Times, dates duration of use (1hour, 30 minutes etc.). Who used it and how often is it used?

The question is how many people are really using the INet? Is it cost effective? Did Time Warner ever fulfill their obligation by keeping two staff members and billing the City for \$10's of thousands of dollars for use of trucks and equipment? Now that they have announced they are going to close this system in the near future why have we wasted so much of the City's money?

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In 2008 several chairs were stolen from PACT, a police report was made. A television commercial was made and aired on all channels. Also, a camera was reported stolen during the same time. Are there any documents or police reports about the stolen camera? Please supply any documents that the contractor supplied to the City regarding the stolen camera. Have there been any other reports of stolen or damaged equipment to the City and if so please supply?

PANASONIC AJ-D230HP F9TDA0095 COA 07439JE-7 **3-Jun-08**

This Panasonic deck mentioned above is personal property of Garry Wilkisons to the best of my knowledge. On June 3rd or there about he transmitted an email to Rondella Hawkins, and Terry Dyke, stating that this deck was City owned and the City would be liable to pay \$ 1,150.00 for repair. I am looking for any receipts or documents proving that this deck is owned by the City of Austin. Please supply all emails sent to the City officials mentioned above with the attachment referencing this equipment as City property.

On 7.16.08 I had a phone conversation with Terry Dyke emailed him and Rondella Hawkins of my suspensions of Mr. Wilkison using City funds to repair his own equipment. What action was taken? Where there any documents, letters, or emails generated about this matter? If so please supply them.

Are there any existing documents giving Public Access the right to sell City Property and keep the proceeds? At the same time I notified City Officials of the equipment repair I pointed out to the City property being sold. Where any documents generated about this subject in any communication between the City and the Contractor I would like a copy of these documents if they exist.

The City has announced that the building-housing PACT could be closed up to 3 months for a new roof. Please furnish all documents, quotes or estimates of the cost of the new roof, wiring and structural repair of the building located at: 1143 Northwestern Avenue, Austin, Texas 78702.

Insurance: Please supply any documentation from the Contractor to the City that states who the insurance carrier is: Name, Address, contact information, Policy and Group numbers for all policies they have with the Contractor, such as liability, group insurance and any other policies that PACT has to maintain under the City contract.

Listed below are the names and companies that the board of directors of PACT, do they are their companies have any business dealings, contracts or other business with the City of Austin in the last 36 months? If so please supply. We are especially interested in the Law Firm of Jackson, Walker and the video production company known as RipTearShred.

Cathy Beaudoin, Secretary Editor/Owner, RipTearShred.

Jackie Goodman, Co-President Former City Council Member.

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