

Alyssia Benford

From: James Patton <jpatton03@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Alyssia Benford
Cc: James Patton
Subject: Re: Texting during executive session

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It was saved in my phone, not sure where I originally got it from.

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 11:49 AM Alyssia Benford <abenford@calumetcity.org> wrote:

Alderman Patton,

I hope you had a nice holiday. I am following up on my email below.

From: Alyssia Benford
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:08 AM
To: James Patton <jpatton@calumetcity.org>
Subject: Re: Texting during executive session

Alderman Patton,

Please let me know who provided you with my cell phone number. I don't recall you asking me for my cell phone number.

Alyssia Benford

On Nov 22, 2021, at 10:30 PM, Alyssia Benford <abenford@calumetcity.org> wrote:

I will be sure to share your emails with them as well. Have a nice holiday Alderman Patton, you don't need to continue to respond and call me names.

Alyssia Benford

On Nov 22, 2021, at 10:26 PM, James Patton <jpatton03@gmail.com> wrote:

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You're a crook. That's not name calling. That's truth.

You won't ever produce an "audit" because that would be fraud.

You're worried because you know I'm right. You don't have a meeting with the FBI but you know I have a direct line.

The walls are closing in, you hitched your horse to the Wrong wagon this time.

On Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 10:23 PM Alyssia Benford <abenford@calumetcity.org> wrote:

No I just prefer to talk on the record, in writing. I fully explained my request, so I'm not sure why you feel a need to resort to name calling.

I answered all of the council's questions during executive session.

I have enjoyed my time at Calumet City. I'm not quite sure why you are so hostile towards me. But I look forward to assisting the council as they continue to move forward in a positive direction.

Alyssia Benford

On Nov 22, 2021, at 9:47 PM, James Patton <jpatton03@gmail.com> wrote:

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Go ahead and request the texts.

You're clearly a coward who won't confront their adversary which is why you ignored my call.

Unfortunately for you, all you're going to see from my texts is my wife asking me when I'm coming home for dinner, and possibly a dirty text or two from her depending on the time stamp (happy to share if you're into that sort of thing).

When can we expect your audit to be delivered to the city council? I'm guessing never since the submission of that report from you would constitute felony fraud, since you're not actually a certified auditor?

Just curious so I have the details straight before my next (actual) meeting with the FBI.

On Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 9:34 PM Alyssia Benford <abenford@calumetcity.org> wrote:

Alderman Patton,

I heard your voicemail. I am not being adversarial.

I do not have to be a city employee, nor do I have to be a federal employee to ask the question that I asked.

If I file a FOIA request and you refuse to turn over the information, the I will file an open meeting acts violation with the the IL Attorney General's office. That will become public record I do not want to do that, which is why I simply asked that you respond to my email with the information I requested.

I will not call you back. You are under no obligation to respond to my request to this email, but you are on notice that I saw you texting, which means I will expect text messages in response to the FOIA.

Alyssia Benford

> On Nov 22, 2021, at 8:59 PM, Alyssia Benford
<abenford@calumetcity.org> wrote:

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> Aldermen Patton,

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> After the executive session, I came out to look for you. I wanted speak to regarding using your cell phone during executive session.

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> I would prefer not to submit a FOIA for your text messages, therefore I am going to ask if you would be willing to provide me with them along with a copy of your phone records during executive session tonight without a FOIA request. I would like to rule out that you were leaking information that I was sharing with the board.

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> I also do not want to mention this matter to the FBI on Wednesday either. On the basis of full disclosure, The only thing I would mention to them is that I am submitting a FOIA for your text messages so they would be aware.

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> Please respond by close of business tomorrow.

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> Alyssia Benford

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