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October 21, 2009

Shirley Zempel

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated September 29, 2009  
09-211 Zempel

Dear Ms. Zempel:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated September 29, 2009, received September 30, 2009, and extended to October 21, 2009. Your request for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meeting which began on July 2, 2007" is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is denied to the extent that the following redactions have occurred:

1. Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. MCL 15.243(1)(a)

The City does not warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. Rather, it provides the documents only to comply in good faith with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, and not for any other purpose.

If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City's disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and damages as specified under the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

Jayne S. Miller  
Community Services Administrator

09-211  
Zempel

King, Carol

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From: Shirley Zempel [zempel.shirley@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:25 PM  
To: King, Carol  
Subject: FOIA request

Carol King  
FOIA Coordinator  
City of Ann Arbor  
100 N Fifth Avenue  
Ann Arbor MI 48104  
September 29, 2009

Dear Ms. King:

I am requesting all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the the council meeting which began on July 2, 2007 but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar day.

Please exclude from this request any electronic communication initiated by a staff member of the city attorney's office and any documents attached to the electronic communication.

If you determine that the contents of an electronic communication, in whole or in part, is subject to a disclosure exemption under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, please provide the electronic communication, including the header information, with the exempt portions redacted.

If you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption as the basis for withholding any record responsive to this request, please include in your full or partial denial letter a description of the item and the statutory provision that exempts it from disclosure. If you determine that an item is exempt from disclosure under M.C.L. sec 15.243(1)(m) (communications and notes within a public body), please include an explanation of why the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Upon identifying the records that should be disclosed under this request, please notify me of the estimated cost of providing copies to me. I will accept the material in electronic machine readable format to reduce costs. If the costs will exceed \$25, I would like to exercise my section M.C.L. Sec. 15.233(3) right to inspect the public records prior to incurring any cost for duplication. Please contact me at 734-668-1358 or [zempel.shirley@gmail.com](mailto:zempel.shirley@gmail.com) to discuss the estimated charges and to schedule a time when I can review the documents.

Sincerely,

Shirley Zempel

Rec'd 9/30/09

King, Carol

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**From:** ann.l.bryant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 7:21 PM  
**To:** Annkev1 [REDACTED] Hieftje, John; GGoodsn [REDACTED] Kathgdsn [REDACTED]  
laura.dahl [REDACTED] goodson [REDACTED] jbryant3 [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** kbryant3 [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Rudderhead

Somehow I am not getting any new pictures? Does someone have some? I would love to see the finished product! Thanks for the offer to visit! Maybe someday soon!

----- Original message from [Annkev1@aol.com](mailto:Annkev1@aol.com): -----

Sounds wonderful John. You must be so pleased.

Ann

In a message dated 6/29/2007 3:03:31 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [JHieftje@a2gov.org](mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org) writes:

Hello All:

Adding to what Gene said below, Kathryn and I will be back and forth in the two weeks before Labor Day as well. We have lots of room, three bedrooms in the new house plus a very charming cabin just three minutes down the path along Superior. The cabin sits in an open glen among old birches full of nesting birds, maples and cedars with a great view of the water and islands.

The canoe and kayaks will be waiting on shore and we can take a motor boat trip out to Sandy Island for a picnic.

John

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**From:** Annkev1@aol.com [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2007 1:06 PM  
**To:** GGoodsn [REDACTED] Kathgdsn [REDACTED] laura.dahl [REDACTED]; goodson [REDACTED] Hieftje, John;  
ann.l.bryant [REDACTED] jbryant3 [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** kbryant3 [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Rudderhead

Gosh this looks beautiful. We have so many possible reunion sites it is dizzying!

Much love,

ANn

In a message dated 6/23/2007 2:12:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [REDACTED] writes:

Dear all, these are the latest pictures of the vacation home in Canada. Rudderhead Peninsula.

John and I were just up. The solar system is working great. We cannot use enough power in the summer. It is really gorgeous from the house. We just walk around in wonder.

John and Kathryn will be up at the end of July.

I will go up in August.

Anybody else is welcome in any time. It is a long way for our southern and CA kin, but the place is worth a visit. We are the only ones on the coast of Lake Superior for more than 3/4 a mile. We saw otters, eagles, rabbits, sandhill cranes, a bear (seen by one of the workman), butterflies. We have seen wolves, moose, and deer.

Looking forward to Shasta in September.

Love, Gene

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**King, Carol**

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**From:** Beaudry, Jacqueline  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 8:28 PM  
**To:** Teall, Margie  
**Subject:** Env. Commission Appt.

I'll take care of adding it to our next agenda with the approval language. Sometimes we approve "nominations" and sometimes we postpone the whole thing...

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*Jacqueline Beaudry*  
*City Clerk*  
*City of Ann Arbor*  
*734-994-2725 (office)*  
*734-994-8296 (fax)*

King, Carol

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**From:** Chris Easthope [chris@easthopelaw.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 7:37 PM  
**To:** Greden, Leigh  
**Subject:** Fwd: parking meters

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Susan Pollay" <spollay@a2dda.org>  
**Subj:** parking meters  
**Date:** Mon Jul 2, 2007 4:35 pm  
**Size:** 2K  
**To:** <chris@easthopelaw.com>

Hello! I wasn't able to return your phone call on Thursday but I got your message and have asked Republic Parking to make many if not all of the handicap meters near the Courthouse on N. Fourth and in the Ann/Main Street lot 4 hour meters. I know they are in the midst of planning for Art Fair so I've given them a couple weeks to get this done. We should see this in place by the end of the month at the latest.

Thanks for calling to let me know about this, as I'm glad to have this chance to be responsive. Talk to you soon I hope! Hope all is well. Best wishes  
Susan



King, Carol

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**From:** Easthope, Christopher  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 7:11 PM  
**To:** \*City Council Members (All)  
**Subject:** FW: Rate Ordinance

Council:

FYI

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**From:** McCormick, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 6:37 PM  
**To:** Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh  
**Cc:** Chris EasthopeLaw.com; 'greden@millercanfield.com'; Fletcher, Karen  
**Subject:** RE: Rate Ordinance

Hi Leigh and Chris,

Just touching bases on what else you may need for this evening on the proposed amendment to the rate recommendation for water. I can give you a few bullets if you'd like - or just answer questions - your call.

Thought you'd like the following (also for sharing): First, the new rate comparison sheet, showing the adjustment for our typical residential customer - note this just includes water and sewer charges



July07RateComparisons.doc

Here are a few notes on what is driving the various revenue requirements and a comparison of the changes from last FY to this FY with the proposed modification.



CouncilNotes7-2-07v2.doc

One other item. In reviewing the ordinance one last time today, I noted that we still have one place where we use the term "director" and would appreciate your assistance in cleaning that up. Please see Section 2:65 Summer service billings - in the large paragraph following the inserted table, about 2/3 of the way down, next to the right margin you will see "...during the summer months, the director"... Please remove 'director' and substitute, consistent with the changes earlier in the paragraph the term " public services area administrator".

Thanks so much.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Fletcher, Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2007 12:14 PM  
**To:** Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh  
**Cc:** Chris EasthopeLaw.com; 'greden@millercanfield.com'; McCormick, Sue  
**Subject:** Rate Ordinance

Hi!

I'm not sure what you need from me for the change to our resolution so I'm attaching the revised ordinance with the rolled back customer charge and I'm also attaching just the revised section. Please let me know if you need anything else!

<< File: Chapter 29 FINAL final 6-27-07.doc >> << File: Chapter 29 FINAL final 6-27-07 chart only.doc >>

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*"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles." - Walter Cronkite*

RATE COMPARISON 7/2/07

Deleted: 5-22-07

COMMUNITY	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Ave. Bill for Residential Customer	RANK 1=Lowest 11=Highest
Ypsilanti, City of	6 ccf = \$15.38 >6ccf = \$1.44/ccf	6ccf = \$18.25 >6ccf = \$1.765/ccf	\$81.71	1
Farmington Hills	\$20.89/10 ccf	\$19.19/10 ccf	\$84.17	2
Ypsilanti Township	6 ccf = \$15.62 >6ccf = \$1.59/ccf	6ccf = \$18.25 >6ccf = \$1.765/ccf	\$84.20	3
City of Detroit	<30ccf = \$12.69/10ccf 30-300 ccf = \$11.60/10ccf >330 ccf = \$10.44/10ccf Service Charge=\$3.41/mo	\$26.91/10ccf Service Charge=\$2.97/mo	\$102.30 No discount	4
Midland	\$1.06/1.3 ccf ready to serve = \$28.74/qtr	\$1.61/1.3 ccf ready to serve = \$33.77/qtr	\$105.64	5
Ann Arbor	0-7 ccf \$1.07 8-28 ccf \$2.25 29-45 ccf \$3.61 >45 ccf \$4.95 \$11.25/qtr customer charge	\$2.82/ccf \$10.57/qtr customer charge	\$120.03 \$108.03 with 10% discount for prompt payment	6
Pittsfield Township	\$2.70/ccf Customer Charge=\$5.35/qtr	\$3.15/ccf	\$128.20 \$115.38 with 10% discount for prompt payment	7
Lapeer	\$3.68/1.3 ccf quarterly charge = \$4.73/mo	\$4.02/1.3 ccf quarterly charge = \$3.46/mo	\$132.58	8
Saline, City of	Per 1.3 ccf = \$2.56 Ready to serve = \$8.43 Service Charge=\$3.27/mo	Per 1.3 ccf = 3.23 Ready to serve=\$8.94 Service Charge = \$4.68/mo	\$134.75 3% penalty for late payment	9
Northville	\$4.51/1.3 ccf Bi-monthly charge=\$5.93	\$3.91/1.3 ccf	\$144.91	10
Chelsea	\$5.48/1.3 ccf Customer Charge=\$5.75/ mo	\$3.26/1.3 ccf Customer Charge=\$7.50/ mo	\$180.93	11
Bessemer	\$3.90/1.3 ccf Ready to serve = \$35.80/2 months	\$4.50/1.3 ccf Ready to serve = \$32.30/2 months	\$237.85	12

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Assumptions:  
3 month bill  
21 ccf usage/quarter  
5/8 inch residential water meter

WATER

- ❖ Driven by debt coverage ratio requirements (1.25%). Proposed changes forecast a 1.26% coverage ratio
- ❖ If we made no new capital investments, we would still need a 3.15% rate increase for debt coverage purposes (Bond schedule & sales). This is not feasible.
- ❖ Fund balance builds up which could be used for capital (with no debt) at a later point
- ❖ For every \$1,000,000 capital, the corresponding debt service would be \$73,000/year or a 0.4% rate increase
- ❖ Projects driven by regulatory agencies: Recycle Rule, Stormwater Handling (City Ordinance), Security Improvements and Argo Dam Improvements (State).

SEWER

- ❖ If we made no new capital investments, we would not need a rate increase. This is not feasible.
- ❖ Fund balance builds up which could be used for capital (with no debt).
- ❖ For every \$1,000,000 capital, the corresponding debt service would be \$73,000/year or a 0.4% rate increase
- ❖ Projects driven by regulatory agencies: Footing Drain Disconnect, Residuals Handling & Plant Renovation projects are to maintain plant processes to avoid compliance issues.

RATES

- ❖ Requesting a 7.21% revenue increase in Water, a 3.7% revenue increase in Sewer and an 11% revenue increase in Stormwater. Customer charges for residential water customers with 5/8" & 3/4" meters remain constant. These increases equate to \$145.87/quarter for residential 5/8" meters before discount, \$131.28 after discount. This is a \$9.72 increase per quarter and \$38.88 increase per year (after the discount) for the typical residential customer using the average amount of water quarterly.

3/4" Residential Services

SERVICE	FY07 Average* Quarterly Bill	FY08 Average* Quarterly Bill	Difference FY07 & FY08/Quarter	Difference FY07 & FY08/Year
Water	\$53.51	\$55.54 (3.8%)		
Sewer	\$68.61	\$74.82		
Stormwater**	\$22.75	\$25.84		
Total	\$144.87	\$156.20		
With Discount	\$130.38	\$140.58	\$10.20	\$40.80

\* Assumes 21 units usage per quarter

\*\* Assumes second tier average residential (84% of residential customers are in tier 1 or tier 2)

5/8" Residential Services

SERVICE	FY07 Average* Quarterly Bill	FY08 Average* Quarterly Bill	Difference FY07 & FY08/Quarter	Difference FY07 & FY08/Year
Water	\$48.21	\$50.24 (4.2%)		
Sewer	\$64.11	\$69.79		
Stormwater**	\$22.75	\$25.84		
Total	\$135.07	\$145.87		
With Discount	\$121.56	\$131.28	\$9.72	\$38.88

\* Assumes 21 units usage per quarter

\*\* Assumes second tier average residential (84% of residential customers are in tier 1 or tier 2)

**King, Carol**

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**From:** Greden, Leigh  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 8:38 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John  
**Cc:** Miller, Jayne; Teall, Margie; Rapundalo, Stephen; Easthope, Christopher  
**Subject:** Recommendations for Urban County Taskforce

John-

I will soon submit to you recommendations for appts to the Urban County Taskforce. We're close to having a list of recommendations for you.

**King, Carol**

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**From:** Greden, Leigh  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 7:18 PM  
**To:** Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen; Easthope, Christopher  
**Subject:** Travel requests

A majority (I believe unanimous) has approved Roger's travel requests. I will notify him. Stephen P cancelled his proposed trip for which he had submitted a request (he's sending Abby instead).

King, Carol

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**From:** Greden, Leigh  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 7:17 PM  
**To:** Teall, Margie  
**Subject:** RE: Travel

Oh probably. I guess we need to start by passing out the forms to everyone to fill out.

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**From:** Teall, Margie  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 7:16 PM  
**To:** Greden, Leigh  
**Subject:** RE: Travel

Yes. Frankly, I haven't examined them very carefully, though. Are we going to be meeting for reviews soon?

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**From:** Greden, Leigh  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 7:10 PM  
**To:** Teall, Margie  
**Subject:** Travel

I assume you're fine with Roger's travel requests?

## King, Carol

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**From:** Naud, Matthew  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 9:14 PM  
**To:** Catherine Riseng (E-mail); Chris Graham (E-mail); David Stead (E-mail); David Wright (E-mail); Emaus, Ron (E-mail); Gwen Nystuen (E-mail); John German (E-mail); Malama Chock (E-mail); Rita Loch-Caruso (E-mail); Steve Bean (E-mail); Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A  
**Subject:** goals

After a good discussion - postponed until the next meeting.

I will try to better describe the process the commission used to get to where these goals are and try to put something together for council by early next week.

Matthew Naud  
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City of Ann Arbor  
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