

Here is the entire e-mail string, starting with the last e-mail:

Wow where to begin with this...

First it was me that was asking what was going on when my wife informed me that Councilor Harper and a gentleman was going into the CA's office with some sort of equipment and then closed the door. Then my wife went back up to city hall a few hours latter to ask about donations for the fire dept. sale and Mr. Boone came out of the office and said something to the effect -kicked me out- then he went into the council chambers and closed the door. I my self have been approached by citizens saying they are getting all kinds of contradicting information and are not sure who to believe.

So when I asked councilor Harper about this she said she was not sure about the documents that were scanned and she was not sure what files had been pulled, thats what she said on record. This is not something about being able to access public records this is about the manner it was done in. And in the files they sent back to city hall for review a sheet that was labeled confidential was scanned. What was giving me pause was the fact that councilor Harper was in your words "007"ish and was acting like she did not want to say what they were doing in the CA's office with a laptop and scanner. One time she says she is helping a citizen, another she is in with a consultant and then another she was just there to watch at the CA's request. I think all the records should be easy to access, but when you have people that just pull what files they want with no training or understanding of what files can be scanned then I think we have a major issue to deal with.

Now as to what files were pulled I can't say for sure that what was sent to city hall for review was all the files scanned. They were in the office for several hours and they only sent around 40-50 pages for review. You can call it what you will but with the way councilor Harper was dodging simple questions and then changing her mind about what happened it leaves alot of doubt in my mind and in some of the people in the audience the night of the council meeting that stated they do not believe any thing she was saying. You have a person that does not even live in our town with a computer and scanner being unsupervised in an office with access to files that have personal information that leaves alot of room for concern. And yes if the CA was logged on his computer then left the room then anyone could pull what ever files he has on it or networked thru it.

So when councilor Harper helps a citizen get records its ok but when councilor Rhodes ask questions a citizen is asking then its a personal attack. Is it a personal attack for the Mayor to claim with nothing to back up his statements councilor Harris is having shady back room deals because he tells the CA "hey you need to see about getting more PTO I don't think you got enough" then the CA doing research around other CA contracts and then sends an e-mail to the council asking to be on the agenda for a higher PTO request.

And to use fear as a tactic to get citizens to support for your way of thinking is very clear who on our council is guilty of that.

And from what I was told the information that was passed around to get the signatures was full of mistruths and fear mongering that if they did not sign then the city would be in tremendous debt and higher water bills. So to me the ones bidding for the power are the ones who are trying to oust the council members that are there to help the city not their personal agendas.

So I ask you who do you sever the city/citizens or the Mayor/Harper's attempts to grab power?

Councilor who was elected and severs the entire city of Lafayette
Michael J. Roberts

Councilor Rhodes,

Only you and your crafty writing skills can turn a simple request for "public" documents into "007" acts of espionage and computer hacking. You have no evidence of any such act(s) and I fear your accusations here are subjecting the city to much more than an investigation by authorities. What I heard was that the citizen and councilor Harper were "authorized" by the existing city administrator to scan and copy "public" documents from a specific cabinet. Was there anyone present at the time that said anything different? Were you there? Why would you dream up all these ridiculous things? I think Trena stated that any confidential information in city hall was in a locked cabinet? Maybe that would be a question to ask before making such ridiculous accusations of another?

Your use of "financial security" and "Personal financial information" do nothing more than show your continued efforts to use fear as a tactic to get citizens to support for your way of thinking. As I have heard, the 200 signatures in 2 days for the recall effort speak to the public's view of your fear tactics and hunger for power to rule. You might want to consider "serving" the public that voted you in rather than continually trying to rule over them with your own agenda. This clearly appears to me to be a personal agenda issue and not city council business.

You claim to represent the city of Lafayette and its citizens, but around every corner you are the initiator or in the middle of almost every trivial controversy that prevents our council from being effective and moving forward. This e-mail would be just another example of time wasting and personal attacks. I would caution against any talk of confidential information being taken from city hall or intentional wrongdoing by a councilor without more evidence/motive than your ridiculous "007" visions.

Trena please use caution before responding to this list of accusations.

Councilor Pagella

Dean-

1) The potential is there- even though the utility billing application is not loaded on the City Administrator's computer, that computer has access to the database that contains all of the utility account information as well as

payroll information, which contains DOB, SSN, etc. I can't speak to Mr. Knobel's expertise or ability to do this, but theoretically it's possible. Since there was a period of time that Mr. Knobel and Councilor Harper were

not supervised, this downloading could have occurred without anyone else at City Hall knowing.

2) When customers sign up for water/sewer service at City Hall, the application asks for name, address, DOB, SSN, phone numbers, etc. This

information is entered into the utility billing system, and the paper records are kept in the front office.

3) There are many confidential files in the City Administrator's office, mostly attorney/client communications. The computer, however, has personnel

files, and the utility database info. contained in it as previously stated. There is no guarantee that only one drawer was gone through since they were not supervised the entire time.

4) Yes, Justin left the office and was in the Council chambers for approx.

30 minutes. He was in and out of his office on more than one occasion. And apparently, when Justin was in the office, his back was turned to Leah and Paul (he was working on his computer), not supervising the files that were

being scanned. Lori and Jamie were here that day and remember the incident. They have provided me with this information since I wasn't here.

5) I will defer this question to the Council to make that decision. If the

Council would like, I could ask the City Attorney if she feels this step is necessary.

6) This would also be a question for the Council to answer.

I hope this has answered your questions.

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Trena:

I just had a very intense conversation with a Lafayette resident and, unfortunately, I could not answer all of the questions. I fear that you may not be able to, as well, because you were not in the office that day,

but I will pose them in the hopes that we can get the answers.

Also, considering the e-mails we have received from Debbie Schley, I think this issue is not going to go away. We, as a city, need to be proactive to

ensure the financial security of our citizens.

1) Paul Knobel is, apparently, a computer expert, and apparently our former city administrator was not always in the room during the May 12 incident with Mr. Knobel and Councilor Leah Harper. Since the computers at

City Hall are networked, how difficult would it have been for someone to stick a USB port into the city administrator's computer and download confidential customer information? Would anyone else at City Hall been

aware that this downloading was occurring?

2) What kind of customer information is kept at City Hall? Social Security numbers? Account numbers? Birth dates? I could not answer this question.

3) Is any personal information stored in the city administrator's office?

If so, what kind? Although Councilor Harper has said she and Mr. Knobel only looked in one drawer, what guarantee do the residents of Lafayette have that that was the only drawer that was rifled through?

4) Is it true that Mr. Knobel was in Justin's office with Councilor Harper

with no other supervision? Was our former city administrator out of the office for prolonged periods of time? Do any of the other employees remember the incident?

5) Would it behoove the city to at least warn residents that there is a

possibility that their personal financial information could have been compromised, and to keep an eye on their personal financial records to ensure nothing untoward is occurring?

6) Finally, should we, as a council, be requesting an independent

investigation into this incident? The Sheriff's Office, perhaps, or the Attorney General's Office?

Thank you. I think these are all the concerns I heard. I look forward to your response.

Dean Rhodes

Lafayette City Councilor