

weaknesses in the financial dealings of an entity and also lends itself to indulgences and mischief.

The Public Information Act requires public documents be made available immediately or within 10 days if they are not readily available.

Did you have any trouble getting the information you requested in a timely manner?

When I first began requesting information, I received it within a reasonable time. As time went on and my study expanded, it became harder and harder to get the requested information. I made a request Dec. 27th 2002 and it took over 3 months for those documents to be made available to me. Part of the problem of receiving the requested information obviously is the fact that city attorney, Mark Doane insists upon reviewing every document to be released to me. I would like to mention that the finance officer and his staff person assigned to this were most helpful and cordial.

After reviewing the information provided to you, is there anything that really "jumps" out and raises a red flag about these expenditures? The city council, and by delegation, the city management staff are the stewards of the public's money. In my opinion, most of the councilmembers have abdicated this responsibility and left it almost totally in the hands of the city manager. As a result, the expenditures I reviewed are a reflection of the attitude and policy direction of the city manager and those who share his views. In this case it is the idea of a "close partnership" of this city with big business, i.e. developers.

What is it that relates to expenditures and the attitude and policies of the City Manager, Al Johnson that raises questions regarding these "close partnerships"? From what I have seen, there is an enormous and costly amount of interaction between city management, the Chamber of Commerce, and the development community. Most members of the city council also participate in this interaction. I am troubled by some very questionable planning activities that take place within these circles without public participation. As a staunch "Reagan" Republican, I believe in everything my party stands for, and that includes support for a strong business community. But what has happened in Roseville is the establishment of a coalition of three - city management - Chamber of Commerce - development community - at the exclusion and
Virtue is a necessary spring of popular government ... all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." George Washington

expense of the citizens. It goes without saying that this has dangerous implications.

The following are expenditures and reimbursements attributed to City Manager Al Johnson: *

The city paid **\$398.40** (12/22/99) that included 11/30/99 **lunch** at the Old Spaghetti Factory - Roseville, with Claudia Gamar for **\$17.30** for "agenda"; **\$20.71** for **phone calls** 12/6/99 El Dorado Hotel Reno - Natl. Rec. Park Leadership; **\$360** **registration** at Doral Palm Springs Resort 2/2/00 - 2/4/00 City Mgr. League of California Cities Conference.

The city paid **\$144** (3/15/02) for **lunch @ \$18 each** for "Economic Development Award Summit" at the Oaks Room, Twelve Bridges Country Club. Attendees included Al Johnson, City Councilmembers Garbolino, Rockholm and Rush, Julia Burrows, Asst. to City Mgr., Marilyn Bartell, Public Information Officer, Patty Dunn, Community Development Director, Jan Shellito, Housing & Development Mgr. (*A quorum of councilmembers present. Was it necessary to have 8 people attend?*)

The city paid **\$2,665** (3/8/01) in registration fees for 69th Annual Conference Calif. Municipal Utilities Assoc. at Hyatt Regency Islandia Hotel on San Diego's Mission Bay March 27 - 30. Attendees Al Johnson, Samuel Cannon, Bryan Gross, Tom Habashi, and Earl Rush. **Rush** expenditures included basic registration of \$395 plus **lunch \$35 x 2** and **2 dinners on 3/29 for \$90** for a total of \$555. The city paid **\$2,457.50** to the Hyatt Regency Islandia Hotel in San Diego for rooms for the same conference Mar. 27 - 30. These were partial payment for rooms and documents show that Al Johnson signed up for the golf tournament 3/27/01 for \$90. Personal check payment mentioned in a note indicates that he perhaps paid privately since it is undocumented.

Petty cash payment 6/14/01 for **lunch** for Claudia Gamar and Johnson **@ \$9.10**. City paid **\$345** registration for Johnson to attend League of Calif. Cities conference in Monterey 6/22/01.

* *Source: City of Roseville records*