



Sean McMorris [REDACTED]

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## Question for you

15 messages

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**Sean McMorris** [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 11:01 AM

To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Hi Lauren,

Do you know if the city funds in any way the Around Alhambra publication? I would like to make a public records request regarding this publication but first need to know if the city contributes any money to it (postage, publication, or anything else).

Thanks,  
Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 6:46 PM

To: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]

Hi Sean,

I looked into your question and per the City's contract with the Chamber of Commerce, which is approved on an annual basis by the City Council, below is a listing of responsibilities that the Chamber of Commerce is required to perform on behalf of the City for a total payment received of \$111,925 per year:

- a) To develop upon a city-wide basis promotional programs throughout the year which stimulate business and industrial opportunities;
- b) To maintain a central information office and serve both citizens and out-of-town business inquiries for information;
- c) To promote and/or sponsor civic, business and trade meetings to market the advantages and opportunities of Alhambra; such as, the Lunar New Year Parade and Festival, Rose Queen and Court Luncheon, and Alhambra Beautiful Awards, etc.;

- d) To develop and maintain a community database of important demographic and economic information;
  
- e) To assist and promote the business community's interests including, but not limited to, helping startup businesses and periodically surveying the business community;
  
- f) To meet with individual businesses at least two times per month and report back to the City periodically on important issues;
  
- g) To actively participate in the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership;
  
- h) To conduct quarterly educational workshops, seminars or legislative forums;
  
- i) To work with local schools to put on a program to introduce students to local businesses and career opportunities; and,
  
- j) To disseminate, print and distribute guides and informational brochures; such as, the History of Alhambra, City Map, Facts Folder, Clubs and Organizations List, Business Directory, Chamber Membership List, and Points of Interest and Community Resources Guide.

Thus, City funds do not fund *Around Alhambra*.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 11:02 AM  
To: Myles, Lauren  
Subject: Question for you

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**Sean McMorris** [REDACTED]  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 10:36 PM

Hi Lauren,

Thank you for the info. I also have a copy of the contract info you referred to from a recent City Council Agenda.

I just have a few more questions based on your response, if you don't mind. Did the city actually verify that no city funds are used in any way for the Around Alhambra publication, or is your response based on looking at the contract the city has with the Chamber of Commerce? For instance, perhaps city funds are used for Around Alhambra as justified under item (j) or (g) in the contract? The verbage "such as" and "not limited to" in these clauses also potentially leaves the door open to use funds in a manner not specifically listed in the contract.

I was hoping you might be able answer another question for me as well. In the bottom right hand corner of the front page of every Around Alhambra publication there is a senders posting address and it is the City Hall's address, not the Chamber of Commerce's address. Does this mean that City Hall is paying for the postage of the Around Alhambra publication?

Apologies for all the questions. Thank you for your efforts.

Best,  
Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 10:59 AM

Hi Sean,

Let me check with staff that handles the contract and I will back with you.

Best,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 10:37 PM  
To: Myles, Lauren  
Subject: Re: Question for you

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**Sean McMorris** [REDACTED]  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 11:01 AM

Thanks Lauren.

Sean M.  
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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]

Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 2:33 PM

Hi Sean,

I checked with staff about your questions. With respect to audits, per Section 8. of the Agreement: 8. AUDITS. *"The books of account of CHAMBER shall be subject to audit upon the order of the Alhambra CITY Council."* This means that if the City Council chooses, they may audit the books; however, the Chamber of Commerce fulfills their requirement of the contract, thus there is no reason to audit their books.

With respect to City Hall paying for the postage of the Around Alhambra publication, City Hall does not pay for the postage. The Chamber of Commerce deposits funds into a postage account to cover the cost of mailing Around Alhambra.

Please let me know if you have further questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 11:02 AM  
To: Myles, Lauren  
Subject: Re: Question for you

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Sean McMorris <[REDACTED]>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 4:12 PM

Hi Laruen,

To clarify, the city does not have an actual accounting of how the Chamber of Commerce has used every penny of the city's money with regards to its contract with the city? So if I filed a public records request to obtain this information I could not obtain it because the city does not even have it? And the only way such an accounting of funds can be obtained is if the City Council, the same body that approved the contract, votes to audit the books of account of Chamber? If this is a correct understanding, please let me know.

Did the explain why the City Hall's address is listed as the sender's address on the Around Alhambra publication even though it is a Chamber of Commerce publication and postage is paid for by the Chamber? I would like to know this since the City claims that Around Alhambra is not a city publication but a Chamber publication.

Would it be possible for you to pull the full contract for me to come in and look at between the Chamber and the City? I assume it is more extensive than the general info provided in the City Council Agenda regarding the contract. I would also like to look at the full contract between the City and the Chamber of Commerce to oversee the construction of the Rose Parade float. Please let me know.

Thank you for all your help.

Best,  
Sean M.  
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Myles, Lauren <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 5:19 PM

Hi Sean,

I spoke again with staff about your follow-up questions and yes, you are correct, with respect the audit of the Chamber of Commerce. With respect to City Hall's address being listed as the sender's address on the *Around Alhambra*, this was discussed with the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce late last week, and was determined that when the paper was started by the Chamber over 20 years ago, someone at that time must have thought it was a good idea to have City Hall's return address and logo on the postage area. But since the Chamber has their own postage account with the Post Office, and has a physical mailing address, there is no need for this to exist. It should be corrected starting with the September issue, with the correct Chamber address and logo and not the City's, according to the Chamber Executive Director.

Finally, I have attached the current contract with the Chamber of Commerce for FY 2016-2017 for your review.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 4:12 PM

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**Sean McMorris** <[REDACTED]>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 10:31 PM

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for the clarification.

I would just like to ask for one more thing regarding this matter that I hope you can help me with. Would it be possible to get a PDF of the city's most recent contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the building of the city's Rose Parade float? I was going to come into City Hall this week to pick some things up and file this request, but it would be much more convenient if you could just email it to me. Please let me know.

Thanks for all your efforts, Lauren. They are much appreciated.

Best,  
Sean M.  
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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 6:24 PM

Good Evening Sean,

Attached is the contract with the Chamber of Commerce re the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Float.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 10:31 PM

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**Sean McMorris** <[REDACTED]> Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 6:27 PM  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Great! Thanks for all your efforts, Lauren.

Best,  
Sean M.  
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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org> Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 6:28 PM  
To: Sean McMorris <[REDACTED]>

You're welcome. Have a good night.

From: Sean McMorris [mailto:]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 6:27 PM

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**Sean McMorris** <[REDACTED]>

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## Information Request

6 messages

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**Sean McMorris** <[REDACTED]> Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 9:04 PM  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Hello Lauren,

Sean McMorris here. I was hoping you could help me with a few questions I have regarding the City's FY 2016-2017 contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

You clarified earlier that the City does not have access to accounts that verify how the Chamber spends the money the City gives the Chamber. However, on page 3 of the contract, under Extra Services, it states that that "the Chamber shall, upon request form the City, furnish an itemized statement of the cost thereof..." of said extra services.

Does the Chamber provide the city with an itemized statement detailing the costs of the actual contracted services (not extra services) to justify the contract's nearly \$112,000 price tag? If so, can I get a copy of it? If not, how do the City and Chamber arrive at the \$112,000 number?

In addition, on page 4 of the contract, under Independent Contractor, it states that the "Chamber... shall furnish such services in the Chamber's own manner and method..." Does this mean that the Chamber is allowed to sub-contract said services (i.e. outsource certain tasks to businesses and other contractors)?

Thank you, Lauren.

Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris <|||...|||>

Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 9:17 AM

Hi Sean,

I will check with staff on your questions and get back to you ASAP.

Best regards,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [mailto:]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:05 PM  
To: Myles, Lauren  
Subject: Information Request

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**Sean McMorris** <|||...|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 11:35 AM

Thank you Lauren.  
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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris <|||...|||>

Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 9:10 AM

Hi Sean,

I spoke with staff that oversees the Chamber contract and no, there is not an itemized invoice. In section 2 of Contract C2M16-33, there is a list of items a. through j. that the Chamber provides for a price of \$111,925. This is what the Chamber charges for their services.

With respect to your question about the meaning of the Chamber as Independent Contractor and whether they could outsource certain tasks to businesses and other contractors, it means, under the contract, that they may furnish their services in their own manner or method. They are an independent contractor. They are not an agent or employee of the City.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [mailto:]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:05 PM  
To: Myles, Lauren  
Subject: Information Request

Hello Lauren,

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Thank you, Lauren.

Sean M.

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**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 9:27 AM

Thank you for the clarification, Lauren.

Best,  
Sean M.  
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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris <|||>

Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 9:34 AM

You're welcome. Have a good day!

From: Sean McMorris [mailto:]  
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2016 9:27 AM  
To: Myles, Lauren  
Subject: Re: Information Request

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## Questions regarding a City Contract

13 messages

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Sean McMorris <|||...|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Wed, Aug 31, 2016 at 2:20 PM

Hi Lauren,

I was wondering if you could answer some questions I have regarding the City's contract with the Chamber to build Alhambra's Rose Parade float (contract No. C2M16-16).

1. How does the Chamber arrive at the fee it charges the city for its services (\$90,000)? Does a document exist that supplies a justification for the Chambers' fees before the city entered into the agreement?
2. Does the Chamber supply the city with a detailed accounting of the costs incurred, services rendered, and tasks either outsourced or sub-contracted?
3. Clause 3 of the the contract states, "Said \$90,000 shall be advanced to the Chamber in increments as invoiced by the Chamber." This suggests that invoices exist. Can I get access to them? Also, what are the payment increments?
4. The opening paragraph of the contract states, "The City contracts with the Chamber *to provide services required to contract with a firm* to construct, decorate, and enter a float in the Tournament of Roses parade." It appears that the city is essentially paying the Chamber to be a middleman. The city contracts with the chamber to contract with a firm? Why does the city not simply take bids for the services?

Regards,

Sean M.

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Myles, Lauren <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris <|||...|||>

Thu, Sep 1, 2016 at 8:16 AM

Hi Sean,

I have received both of your emails requesting information as it relates to the Chamber's Contract for the Rose Parade Float. I will get back to you with answers and soon as I can get them from staff.

Best regards,

Lauren

From: Sean McMorris [mailto:]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 2:21 PM  
To: Myles, Lauren  
Subject: Questions regarding a City Contract

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**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thu, Sep 1, 2016 at 11:45 AM

Thanks, Lauren.

Sean M.  
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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris <|||>

Fri, Sep 2, 2016 at 3:59 PM

Hi Sean,

Here are your questions with staff's answers directly below:

1. How does the Chamber arrive at the fee it charges the city for its services (\$90,000)? Does a document exist that supplies a justification for the Chambers' fees before the city entered into the agreement?

\$90,000 is how much it costs to design, build, decorate, and drive the City's Rose Parade float. The City tells the Chamber how much can be spent on a float in a given year, and the Chamber works with the float builder to produce a float of that value. The City and the Chamber are able to determine the cost to construct and operate the float because the City has had a float in the parade for the last 89 years.

2. Does the Chamber supply the city with a detailed accounting of the costs incurred, services rendered, and tasks either outsourced or sub-contracted?

Yes.



of the float, but who is building it and where is the evidence that it costs this much? Or that the Chamber is outsourcing or sub-contracting with the least expensive entity? Or that no entity is involved that would constitute a conflict of interest?

In response to question 2 in my previous email, the City indicated that the Chamber supplies the city with a detailed accounting of the costs incurred, services rendered, and tasks either outsourced or sub-contracted. Can I please get these details? What I am looking for is a full accounting of how the city's money is used, much like the city has been able to supply me with a full accounting of how it uses CDBG funds (I know that CDBG funds are different than city funds, but there should be books of account that detail how city money is being used via contracts).

Also, is the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce a registered contractor?

Thanks for all your help,

Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 8:16 AM

To: Sean McMorris <|||>

Good Morning Sean,

I spoke with staff and their answers to your questions are below in italicized font.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Lauren

The attached PDFs only show the cost of a service, but no details regarding who the service is being supplied by or a detailed accounting of how that money is dispersed (what company/subcontractor is providing the service and what supplies and/or outsourcing is it paying for). "Participation Contract Signing," what does that mean? "Framework" I assume this means the cost of building the framework of the float, but who is building it and where is the evidence that it costs this much? Or that the Chamber is outsourcing or sub-contracting with the least expensive entity? Or that no entity is involved that would constitute a conflict of interest?

*The Chamber of Commerce hires Phoenix Decorating Company in Pasadena to design, build, decorate and operate the float. "Participation Contract Signing" is discussing the theme, design, and price. "Framework" is the structure, the chassis, the steel construction. Phoenix Decorating provides invoices to the Chamber of Commerce, they have a contract in place between them. The Chamber has no requirement to contract with the least expensive entity. That said, you really can't get any less expensive than \$90,000, the Tournament of Roses requires all new float entries to have a float of*

*at least \$250,000 or more. The City contracts with the Chamber, the Chamber contracts with Phoenix Decorating, those are the only 3 parties involved.*

In response to question 2 in my previous email, the City indicated that the Chamber supplies the city with a detailed accounting of the costs incurred, services rendered, and tasks either outsourced or sub-contracted. Can I please get these details? What I am looking for is a full accounting of how the city's money is used, much like the city has been able to supply me with a full accounting of how it uses CDBG funds (I know that CDBG funds are different than city funds, but there should be books of account that detail how city money is being used via contracts).

*The invoices previously provided describe the process the float builder has completed. There is no breakdown of linear feet of steel or how much a rose costs.*

Also, is the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce a registered contractor?

*The Chamber is not registered general contractor with the State as they do not do construction work. The services the Chamber provides are outlined in their contract with the City.*

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**Sean McMorris** <|||> Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 11:55 AM  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thank you very much for the info Lauren. I just have one more question based on the city's response.

1) I am still not entirely clear about the cost involved with the "participation contract signing" invoice. According to the City's response, the Chamber is being paid \$45,000 to discuss the theme, design, and price of the float? Is the Chamber then obligated to use this \$45,000 a certain way towards the float, or is this just money that goes into the Chamber's account for meeting with the City to discuss things (i.e. money for the Chamber's services as an intermediary for the city, not money that must go towards the subcontracting of the float)? If it must go towards the building of the float, is there documentation that this is the case since the invoice does not clarify this or provide any details for that matter regarding the purpose of the \$45,000 for "participation contract signing."

Also, Lauren, have you been able to determine how many years the City and Chamber have been contracting regarding contracts C2M16-16 (rose parade float) and C2M16-33 (promotional services)?

Thank you for all of your help on this matter Lauren.

Best,  
Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org> Mon, Sep 12, 2016 at 2:50 PM  
To: Sean McMorris <|||>

Hi Sean

With respect to the contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the Rose Parade Float, I have thus far located records of an agreement between the City and the Chamber going as far back as 1968. It may go back further, as I know we have had a float in the parade for the last 89 years. I will keep looking to see if I can locate agreements prior to 1968, but I wanted to give you an update. With respect to the contract for promotional services. I have located agreements going back to 2002 thus far. I will keep you posted with updates.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best regards,

Lauren

**Lauren Myles, CMC** | City Clerk

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From: Sean McMorris [mailto:]  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 11:56 AM

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**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Tue, Sep 13, 2016 at 9:49 PM

Thank you for this information, Lauren.

There is no need to investigate the Rose Parade Float contract any further back than 1968.

However, if you do find agreements with the city and chamber regarding the commercial services contract that go further back than 2002, please let me know.





Because the City views the Chamber as the appropriate conduit to manage this process. We enter into a contract to ensure compliance and to stipulate the price.

4) If the Phoenix Decorating Company is submitting invoices to the Chamber that detail how the money is used, then why are they not turned over to the city and added to the public record? The two invoices the City provided me had no mention of the Phoenix Decorating Company nor did they break down how Phoenix Decorating Company used the money. I did not see an AUDIT clause in the float contract like their was in the city's promotional services contract with the Chamber that would allow such information to be withheld from the public. I understand that "there is no breakdown of linear feet of steel and how much a rose costs," as the city previously stated, but their should be a full accounting of all the money (how much was spent on steel, how much on roses, how much on labor, ect.).

The City does not need, nor have we asked for invoices from Phoenix Decorating Company. The invoices from the Chamber are sufficient for our accounting purposes.

From: Sean McMorris [mailto:]  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 5:50 PM  
To: Myles, Lauren

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**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 10:12 AM

Thank you Lauren.

Best,  
Sean M.  
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## Public Records Request

3 messages

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**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Fri, Oct 6, 2017 at 1:27 PM

Hello, Lauren,

I would like to make another public records request.

I would like to view all communications (including emails and text messages on private devices) between city executives and city council members and Alhambra Chamber of Commerce Executive

Board members as it pertains to city business. This includes, but is not limited to, all communications regarding contracts the city has with the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce. This also includes, but is not limited to, communications regarding the establishment of the city's promotional services contract with the chamber in the early 2000s and communications regarding the ending of the city's contract/partnership with the chamber as it pertains to the chamber's now-defunct Inside Alhambra publication.

Regards,  
Sean M.

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**Sean Morris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Fri, Oct 6, 2017 at 3:05 PM

Hello, Lauren,

Does the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce submit receipts to the city for all services conducted by the chamber under the city-chamber promotional services contract? If so, I would like access to the receipts for the last two contract years.

Thanks,  
Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean Morris <|||>

Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 9:35 AM

Good Morning Sean,

I checked with staff and the Chamber of Commerce does not submit receipts to the City.

Best regards,

Lauren

**Lauren Myles, CMC** | City Clerk

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**Regarding City payment for using Around Alhambra**

## Public records request

19 messages

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**Sean McMorris** <|||...|||>

Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 4:18 PM

To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Bcc: Sean McMorris <|||...|||>

Hi Lauren,

I can't remember if I already made this request or not, but I would like to know if City Hall pays for any and all content that it has published in the *Around Alhambra*.

Regards,  
Sean M.

**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 8:22 AM

To: Sean McMorris <|||...|||>

Hi Sean,

With respect to content in the *Around Alhambra* the City pays for, please see the attached printout summarizing the payments the City has made for advertising in the *Around Alhambra* for FY 2016-17.

Best regards,

Lauren

**Sean McMorris** <|||...|||>

Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 1:36 PM

To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thanks, Lauren.

Do these payments include the Mayor's Corner posts?

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 9:03 AM

To: Sean McMorris <|||...|||>

Good Morning Sean,

No, they do not.

Best regards,

Lauren

**Sean McMorris** <|||...|||>

Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 12:52 PM

To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thanks, Lauren,

Just to clarify, the city does not pay for the Mayor's Corner posts in the Around Alhambra? Are the Mayor's Conor posts being submitted to the Around Alhambra by the city or the Mayor? If by the Mayor, then is the Mayor paying for the Mayor's Conor post in the Around Alhambra or is it being posted for free?

Thanks,  
Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 4:57 PM

To: Sean McMorris <|||...|||>

Hi Sean,

Correct, the City does not pay for the Mayor's Corner. The Chamber of Commerce asks the current Mayor to submit a Mayor's Corner piece, which he or she does so independently of the City.

Best regards,

Lauren

**Sean McMorris** <|||...|||>

Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 5:12 PM

To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Hi Lauren,

Since the Mayor is an elected official on the City's payroll, should the city not have record of whether or not the Mayor pays for publication of the Mayor's Corner? If the city does not have this on record can the city find out for me? The Mayor's Corner is a political statement that comments on city policy. It is sent out to all residents. I believe this is an issue that falls within the purview of public records. The city should thus know if the Mayor's Corner is being published for free or not, and if not, then who is paying for the publication of the Mayor's Corner. Could you kindly find out for me?

Regards,  
Sean M.

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Good Afternoon Sean,

I looked into this and I do not have any documents responsive to your request.

Best regards,

Lauren

**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 1:15 PM

Thanks, Lauren.

Sorry for the confusion.

Regarding the Sham request though, does the city know what Sham's potential conflict of interest is that prevents him from voting on the Chamber contracts? I believe the city should know this and Sham should be publically stating what his potential conflict of interest is when he recuses himself from voting. He has not been doing that. I have referenced the law below. Could you please obtain this information for me.

#### Public Officials Covered By Section 87105

For the limited types of public officials who are covered by section 87200 and who also are subject to either the Brown Act or the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, specific statutory disqualification requirements apply. The list of affected officials is as follows: **city councils**, boards of supervisors, planning commissions, certain retirement investment boards, the Public Utilities Commission, the Fair Political Practices Commission, the Energy Commission, and the Coastal Commission.

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Generally, **when one of these officials is disqualified from participating in a decision because of a conflict of interest, the official must publically announce the specific financial interest that is the source of the disqualification. (§ 87105, subd. (a); Regulation, § 18702.5, subd. (b)(1).)** After announcing the financial interest, the official usually must leave the room during any discussion or deliberations on the matter in question and the official may not participate in the decision or be counted for purposes of a quorum. (§ 87105; Regulation, § 18702.5, subd. (b)(3).)

Regards,

Sean M.

**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: "|||" <|||>

Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 3:26 PM

Hi Sean,

The reason Mr. Sham recuses himself from voting on the Chamber contracts is because the Chamber of Commerce is a source of income.

I hope this helps.

Best regards,

Lauren

**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 3:36 PM

Hi Lauren,

But in what way is the Chamber a Source of income to Councilman Sham? Is that not public record? Does he not have to provide details as suggested by the law? What services is he providing the Chamber and are some of those services coming from public funds as a result of the Chamber contracts?

Thanks,  
Sean

**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>  
To: Sean McMorris <|||>

Fri, Oct 27, 2017 at 12:08 PM

Good Afternoon Sean,

It is our understanding that the source of income is his ownership of Plaza Printing in town.

Best regards,

Lauren

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## Promotional Services Contract Invoices

### Public Records Request

6 messages

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**Sean McMorris** <|||>  
To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 4:12 PM

Hi Lauren,



Hi Laure

Could I please obtain copies of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 city-chamber contracts (both the promotional services and rose parade float contracts)?

P.S. I will be in tomorrow to hopefully finish up looking over the other PR request you have for me at city hall.

Thanks,

Sean M.

**2 attachments**

 **C2M17-31.pdf**  
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 **C2M17-32.pdf**  
603K

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**Sean McMorris** <|||.....>

Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 10:07 PM

To: "Myles, Lauren" <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Thanks, Lauren.

Paragraph 4 of the promotional services contract states that the Chamber must submit monthly bills/statements to the finance dept. and quarterly statements of activity to the city manager. Can I get both of those items for the last two years of the contract?

Regards,

Sean M.

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**Myles, Lauren** <LMYLES@cityofalhambra.org>

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 2:17 PM

To: Sean McMorris <|||.....>

Good Afternoon Sean,

Attached are the invoices for the last two fiscal years for the Chamber of Commerce promotional service contract. With respect to your request for “the quarterly statements of activity to the city manager,” we have no responsive documents. I spoke with staff and the Chamber of Commerce executive board meets monthly with City staff to provide information and updates on activities. During these meetings agendas are provided by the Chamber, but **staff does not keep copies of the agendas; therefore, there are no related documents to provide.**

Best regards,

Lauren

**Lauren Myles, CMC** | City Clerk

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