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Mr. & Mrs. Bob Mollette  
*"Councilteam"*, Third Ward

Re: Correspondence #005 of 2006

Dear Teresa and Councilman Mollette:

Having reviewed your most recent list of questions and concerns I have determined the following:

1. A very large portion of your correspondences deal with issues not pertaining to the ward that you represent.
2. Most of your questions and concerns have been previously answered in writing by the pertinent department heads and myself. Council minutes actually reflect that some of your questions were answered by yourself.
3. It appears that you fail to read or comprehend the time consuming information that I have previously submitted to you. Example: You had no idea that there was an 8% increase in water rates in the 2006 budget. You posted the entire "unratified, proposed" budget on your website that clearly showed an increase on the water works summary page. This increase was clearly shown on the first line on the page under "Revenues" and it was marked in two places with asterisks. You were unaware of this proposed increase until it was verbally mentioned by the Auditor at the council meeting.
4. You have a problem with receiving "confidential" information and maintaining that confidentiality.



5. In just over three months time, I have accumulated approximately three hundred pages of copies of correspondences from you, department heads and myself. Many of your correspondences are redundant and many are outside the realm of responsibility of a member of the legislative body.

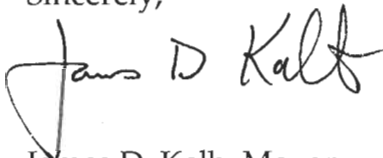
For all of the above reasons, I can no longer justify the time involved exchanging paperwork with you. I will gladly schedule a meeting with you, at your convenience, and have the proper authorities present to discuss any further questions, concerns, suggestions, complaints or anything else you feel necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the City of Portsmouth.

Any further documentation by paperwork will be done as I deem necessary. This is the procedure followed by all of the other council members and seems to be working well for everyone else.

When you feel there is a need for correspondence in the future or have issues that you wish to discuss, please call my office for an appointment.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Kalb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James D. Kalb, Mayor  
City of Portsmouth

Cc: Honorable Council Members  
Charles Horner, Chief of Police  
David Kuhn, Solicitor  
Department Directors