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Jim Kalb, Mayor
Trent Williams, Auditor
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Michael Mearan, 1st Ward Council Member
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Re: New Roof on the Marting Building Annex

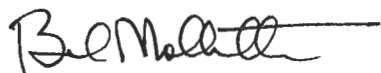
In the April 15, 2008, Portsmouth Daily Times (PDT) it was reported the City decided to replace the existing roof on the former Marting's Building Annex to make it more marketable. It was stated the Marting Building Annex is not a part of the City's plans to develop a City Center housing city offices in the main building. It was reported the lowest bid for roof replacement was \$49,500, but the final price will depend on the substructure condition. The Auditor stated the money to pay for the project was coming from the Capital Improvement Fund. Please provide me with the documentation as to whom and when the City decided to replace the roof on the Marting's Building Annex; the documentation that approved this Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) expenditure; the documentation to justify spending taxpayer dollars for a new roof on a building the City intends to sell; and documents pertaining to any marketing performed for the Marting's Building Annex to date.

City Council did accept the December 11, 2006, City Building Committee (CBC) Final Report that recommended requesting the Richard D. Marting Foundation to release appropriate funds (amount to be determined by bid process) towards the repair of the Marting Building Annex roof and the repair of the roof and HVAC of the Marting's Building; with other minor repairs identified as needed. The report also recommended marketing the Marting's Building Annex for sale. Please provide me with documentation of all correspondence with the Richard D. Marting Foundation requesting release of funds for the roof repairs.

The referendum passed in May 2006, clearly stated, suspend any further spending on the former Marting's Building until viable alternates for City Facilities are presented for a vote of the electors of the City. Please provide justification to ignore the May 2006 referendum petitions.

If you should have questions contact me.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Advocate and Representative on City Council

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cc: Honorable Council Members
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)