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Bigger Fish to Fry

Mr. Rosado may or may not have committed violations of the city charter or broken the law. . The information appears to be about a \$35.00 dollar piece of computer equipment. Mr. Stewart maintains that Mr. Rosado tried to put a land deal on hold which happened months ago. Why did Mr. Stewart come forward months after the fact ? Incidentally this situation has little or no impact on the people in Cape Coral. Why are we so distracted with this issue when the people are being financially destroyed by the U.E.P. ?

I would suggest that city officials spend more time and energy on more important issues rather than providing a Wednesday night Roast. Maybe the people here in Cape Coral could get something from our government other than expensive assessments, high tax bills and political rhetoric if they took care of the important issues.

Here we have a city council and staff which refuses to have 3rd party consultants do an analysis of a \$100 million dollar utility project when we all know the price is over blown. Two audits and a report attest to this. What do they do ? They restart the project with no outside input. You need to ask yourself why ? The fact of the matter is that the city is clandestine in nature and they want no one looking at what they do because they are incompetent.

We have something called Construction Manager at Risk. What is construction manager at risk ? I define it as **Highway Robbery**. This is a do it yourself method to install water and sewer lines and upgrade plants. If you are willing to pay the price then anyone can run a project using this methodology. We have an engineering department that is supposed to be running projects of this nature. They should be doing the design and building the system. They should be putting the jobs up for bid and selecting the subcontractors and inspecting the work. Another question is why don't we do this ourselves and save the taxpayers 50% or 75% on the assessments and impact fees ? The answer is simple, incompetence. We are paying people on the engineering staff that will not take the bull by the horns and get the job done in the most cost effective manner. If the engineers on staff do not have the qualifications or skills to run these projects then, why are they working for the city ? Why do we not get skilled people who can run these projects and cut the profit margin to the bare bone rather than making the people at MWH and KBR wealthy on the backs of the taxpayers ?

Mickey Rosado is small potatoes in comparison to the mayor and council. The mayor and council with the exception of Tim Day have worked furiously to push a large, over priced over blown project without even checking the facts. It appears that all they care about is helping their friends get rich at our expense.

We need is to have everyone, who voted to restart SW-4 investigated. That investigation should be as vigorous as the investigation they are running on Mickey Rosado. Rosado had very little effect on the taxpayers but the utility projects are bankrupting people and causing people to loose their homes.

Who are the real culprits here ?

Stand up Mr Mayor and our friends on the City Council.

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