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Hallandale Mayor Hopes a Scandal Hits Commissioner Colleague

By Thomas Francis, Tue., May 25 2010 @ 12:44PM
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There's no love loss between Mayor Joy Cooper and rabble-rousing Commissioner Keith London, but it seemed for a moment that there might at least be a period of détente after Cooper finally came around to agreeing with London that the city manager's position needed a change.



Keith London

Judging by a recent email exchange, the two are even fiercer enemies than before.

Responding to an email that London circulated, containing links to Juice coverage of the city manager's firing, Cooper wrote this single line to London: "Hopefully your [sic] next."

The climate in Hallandale, however, suggests that if the Mike Good scandal has any impact at the ballot box, then Cooper and her supporters will be the victims.



Cooper

After all, it was Cooper who until just recently was steadfast in her support of Good, despite his having a reputation for missing work and appointments with businesspeople and residents.

London certainly seems inclined to capitalize on his sudden momentum. He sent the exchange with Cooper in an email blast to supporters, city officials, and media types. London prefaced that email with the following letter:

Dear Mayor Cooper,

I was reviewing my emails from last week and came across your communication.

It's clear from your comment that you continue to take it personally when I question city staff on performance.

For too long, you have represented the interests of the city manager and city staff, rather than the residents who elected you.

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Your duty is to the residents, yet you have allowed your own personal self-interest and the city staff's interests to take precedence over the interests of the residents. Here are few examples:

- Transparency and accountability has been trampled by the city and city manager.
- Public records requests go unanswered, or take months to be fulfilled.
- City Commission meetings are not conducted in the Sunshine, held during the day and with meeting minutes that contain little real substance.
- City and State laws have been broken, if not in letter than certainly in spirit.
- Contracts have been executed, with your knowledge and consent, but without commission oversight.
- The city manager has set policy, contrary to City charter and without commission consent, but at your direction.
- Services have been eliminated or reduced while fees and taxes have escalated.

Why do you continue to attack personally those who disagree with you, including residents, fellow commissioners, and city staff?

What started this inappropriate behavior? Like the other commissioners, I was elected to do a job and have strived for open, transparent, representative government, yet you fight against open government at every turn.

As leaders we should strive to find common ground and work towards making this an even better community that everyone in South Florida will model.

Please stop attacking the residents you represent when they want to hold accountable those that are spending their tax dollars. We should encourage their involvement, even when their opinions are contrary to our own. That is the very definition of a strong and well functioning democracy.

I have always been willing to work with you and my peers on the City Commission civilly and amicably. I hope that you will want to as well.

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goldbricker says:

I think they should resolve their differences by mud wrestling in thongs. The city could charge admission. The city attorney could ref.

Posted On: Tuesday, May. 25 2010 @ 1:04PM

Chaz Stevens, Genius says:

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Joy Cooper gives DB Cooper a bad name.

Posted On: Tuesday, May. 25 2010 @ 1:06PM

sunny skies, shady people says:

if true then it is crystal clear that the mayor lack the ability to lead with dignity & decorum. this childish behavior could only lead us in hallandale to unwarranted legal exposure. in these hard economic time we need to minimize this type of exposure. mayor, if you can't stand the heat get out of politics! your #1 obligation is to us, the voters, and not to your ego and insecurity. this behavior must stop forthwith or i will have to have my dog run against you in the next election...i can assure, you within a 95% degree of certainty, that he'll win.

Posted On: Tuesday, May. 25 2010 @ 3:12PM

ROADKILL says:

It will be the CITY ATTORNEY AND COOPER next, not london.

Posted On: Tuesday, May. 25 2010 @ 4:41PM

Hrose says:

Mother's instinct says Julian's gonna come through and redeem himself.

Posted On: Tuesday, May. 25 2010 @ 9:10PM

ROADKILL says:

Hrose,
For the sake of the city, I hope so. I work at Hallandale and between cooper, good and jove a good person can't do the right thing. good ran the city like a mafia. he fired good people and put other people in their jobs who were his friends. cooper never did anything because he did everything she said, including tripping london up at every turn.

Posted On: Wednesday, May. 26 2010 @ 7:44AM

hrose asks why? says:

City offers \$2.7 Million Dollars for St. Borromeo Church, Commissioner's have never been provided or reviewed one single appraisal.

why not?

City of Hallandale Beach is carrying \$35 Million Dollars of debt according to interim City Manager Mark Antonio.

why and what are you doing about it?

Why wait for the budget workshops in July? The City should implement workshops starting in June 2010 to provide the residents an opportunity to voice their needs and wants. Every other neighboring community has done this.

Mayor & Ross..."It's fading away, I can't feel you anymore..."..LZ.

The other three, still deciding.

Posted On: Wednesday, May. 26 2010 @ 10:18AM

ROADKILL says:

Also,
Someone should be asking questions about Highland Park Village and who is guaranteeing to reimburse the developer Shanco if the affordable housing units if they are not sold. The City perhaps? Without a commission vote? For millions and millions of dollars?

Posted On: Wednesday, May. 26 2010 @ 11:07AM

innocent_bystander says:

It appears to be the wrong time to have an elitist attitude in SoFla. Cooper is a fine example of what is wrong with the political atmosphere in Broward. No education, no business acumen, no leadership skills or training and because she brought the bagels, she gets elected, I am sure there is a man behind her telling her what button to push. The worm is and has turned, we, the citizens have been apathetic far too long, we have Obama, Reid and Pelosis to thank for energizing us and giving us the reason to vote out all incumbents. And before anyone writes about " repugnants" I am a life long Dem,

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who recently changed parties after reading and witnessing the actions of the dems in Washington and Broward, they are definitely not the democratic party I joined.....Come November it will beb-bye. That is unless they are locked up prior.....BTW, nice response Mr. London, classy with just the right amount of bitch slap.

Posted On: Wednesday, May. 26 2010 @ 11:17AM

Weird Science says:

Cooper's comment is such a perfect example of her entire personality and history in Hallandale and in her every day life! How childish, immature, unprofessional, and unethical does it get? Her continuous vendetta against those who disagree with her is atrocious. She lies and spins anything and everything to try and make "her" point. When really what is her point? No one really knows. I sincerely hope that the appropriate individuals and law enforcement on all levels are looking very closely at Hallandale. There will be more chips falling very soon!

Posted On: Wednesday, May. 26 2010 @ 3:25PM

Joyful says:

Mayor of Cooper City Debby Eisinger must take her orders from Joy Cooper!

Posted On: Wednesday, May. 26 2010 @ 6:02PM

Anonymous says:

Why would Mayor Pooper, City Manager Bad & City Atty Jive want to make actual commission meetings minutes reduced to faux minutes?

Sorry for the typos.

Posted On: Wednesday, May. 26 2010 @ 10:09PM

ROADKILL says:

@10:09

"Mayor Pooper" Love it.

Posted On: Thursday, May. 27 2010 @ 6:10AM

Remote Support says:

Hi, Thanks for the brilliant post, I dont usually leave remarks but your article inspired me!! I just had a look at one of those lpads and they look nice, although the screen is huge I like it. I can see a lots of them needing support when the screen breaks :) Keep up the good work and look forward to more posts

Posted On: Thursday, May. 27 2010 @ 6:56AM

Noname says:

Roadkill,I worked directly for him and don't mind saying so here because there are many who left or was pushed out.The fact is, he was never one to put in the work. I worked for Mr. Intindola and he was in the office every single day, rarely went to lunch and most evenings did not lead to after seven. He was the consummate professional. What really gets me, is that they hire good and within a year he's making \$10,000 more than Mr. Intindola who left the city would a pile of cash and in outstanding financial condition.

But Mark Antonio is not the answer either. He comes in late, and is out of the office like a flash of light at 5 PM. The same is true with many of the other department heads who have had no supervision or direction under good.

And for those of you who think London is the answer, you're kidding yourself. The man is a first-class joke. He votes no like the Republican pundits who are against anything.

Posted On: Friday, May. 28 2010 @ 1:37PM

R.J. Intindola says:

Thanks for e-mailing the link and the kind words no-name.However, I know your name.I usually don't read or comment on the blogs or articles but for the sake of discussion I'll add my two cents. I am not sure after watching several meetings over the past six months that London is the answer. I am currently researching his past, including the record as a Commissioner. Knowledge from research tells us that the most significant trait a mayor needs is coalition building. I'm not sure that's a characterological trait that he possesses. More on London as I gain and acquire knowledge about his background

and record. There are two sides to every story and on the blogs, only one is being heard.

And for those of you that believe the momentum has shifted to London, you're only fooling yourself. Hardly anyone in Hallandale reads these blogs. They stay informed through the mainstream newspapers and the Sun-Times. I was not even aware of the blogs myself until I received a link from a past employee regarding the Change Hallandale.com site. I only heard about this blog, again through a link when the Mayor called a special meeting to terminate Mike Good.

And lastly, for all of the people that want my comments on Mike, I'll only offer the following: I am not going to display any public consternation. Mike and I were very close at one point but soon after I left I felt disrespected by several of his actions and comments of which he does not think him aware. All I can say, is I can think of no one else in my career that I expended the amount of energy and personal commitment to help them succeed and he was the most disrespectful.

London, Game on.

<http://cmrji.com/Selecting.html>

And for those of you that may not appreciate or agree with my comments, feel free to respond. It's your right. But don't be a coward. When you respond, use your real name. Here's mine: R.J. Intindola

Posted On: Friday, May. 28 2010 @ 4:16PM

Hr says:

Mr RJI

How about you giving a three way interview w New Times & Sun Times and see the two different takes on your & their write up.

Posted On: Friday, May. 28 2010 @ 5:50PM

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