

Pane, Alyssa [DCA]

From: Ryan, Lisa [DCA]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Heydel, Kevin [DCA]
Cc: Pane, Alyssa [DCA]
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Delran

Hi Kevin,

I will begin forwarding you the emails related to the Delran OPRA inquiry now. This is the first.

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Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:45 PM
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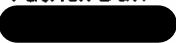
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From: Petty, Tammori [DCA] <Tammori.Petty@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Ryan, Lisa [DCA] <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: FW: PRESS CALL: WHY

Hi Lisa:

Can you follow this press inquiry? I haven't heard back from Jacquelyn or Kevin yet.

Below is the reporter's contact information.

Patrick Duff


Thank so much.
Tam

From: Petty, Tammori [DCA]
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Suarez, Jacquelyn [DCA] <Jacquelyn.Suarez@dca.nj.gov>; Heydel, Kevin [DCA] <Kevin.Heydel@dca.nj.gov>
Cc: Ryan, Lisa [DCA] <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov>; Trish, Gina [DCA] <Gina.Trish@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: PRESS CALL: WHY

Good Afternoon:

Patrick Duff of WHYY is working on a story about a retirement event in Delran where more than \$100,000 was spent. He asked if the following items are allowable:

1. He said the town used a 2018 Dedication by Rider, which is supposed to be for recreation programs, to accept donations for the event. He said any proceeds are supposed to be used to offset costs for recreation programs.
2. The DJ for the event, which cost \$6,000, is the mayor's nephew. He asked if there is any law that speaks to conflicts of interest with family members?
3. There were a number of purchases that in total, were over the bid threshold of \$44,000. He said there was no RFP and the purchases were broken down into smaller amounts, although they were for the same services.

Tammori

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Cc: Pane, Alyssa [DCA]
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From: Ryan, Lisa [DCA]
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 12:21 PM
To: Patrick Duff <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Aprilpix <[REDACTED]>; Petty, Tammori [DCA] <Tammori.Petty@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Delran

Hi Patrick,

Responses to your follow-up questions are in red.

1. Is it a conflict of interest for the mayor to give his nephew/boss contracts from the township? If so, is the conflict considered an ethics violation, illegal, or is it perfectly legal to do so?

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Please see the response above.

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Please see the Local Public Contracts Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-7: Contracts not to be divided.

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Upon receipt of a local government ethics complaint, the Local Finance Board in DCA's Division of Local Government Services is charged with investigating those complaints. The rules and complaint procedures are detailed in the Local Government Ethics Law at

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Hi Patrick,

A primary focus of DCA is to be responsive to questions and concerns from people – constituents, journalists, policymakers, advocates, elected officials, community organizers, municipal staff, etc. – who contact the Department for information. It helps us to know who a person is and what, if any, organization they work for or represent. When I asked you what media outlet you were reporting/writing for, you wrote back that you were assisting research for WHY? So I was surprised to see you quoted throughout the story that WHY? published, which prompted me to send the email to you and April. In my 10+ years of working on the DCA communications team, I had never seen that before so I wanted to ask you and April about it.

DCA's Division of Local Government Services, specifically the Local Finance Board, handles Local Government Ethics Law complaints. Anything beyond the ethics law is outside DCA's purview. You may want to check out the Office of the State Comptroller. An overview of the work that office does is at <https://www.nj.gov/comptroller/about/work/>.

If you want to file an ethics complaint, there is a process. The procedure is outlined on pages 19 through 24 of the Local Government Ethics Law and Rules posted at https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/ethics_docs/Local%20Government%20Ethics%20Law%20and%20Rules.pdf. The address of the Local Finance Board is:

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I am a citizen activist who has helped several news organizations with research, as I did here. I let you know I was helping with research for the article that was printed in WHYY. I made no misrepresentations to yourself or the person I originally spoke with. I see no issue with myself asking an employee of the state questions regarding possible corruption, isn't that the DCA's job?

I would like the DCA to initiate an investigation into the facts presented in the article. Do I need to make a formal complaint or can you confirm if one will be initiated?

Thanks,
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Hi Patrick and April,

Patrick identified himself to the DCA communications office as someone assisting research for WHYY. But he is quoted throughout the story about Delran Township as a participant in the group questioning the township's actions with regards to the retirement event. Can you identify yourself as doing research for a news organization for a story in which you're quoted as a participant in the issue that's the subject of the story?

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April

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Duff [REDACTED]
To: April Saul [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, Dec 3, 2021 9:06 am
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: Delran

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The reporter who is looking into the Delran Township retirement event followed up with some context and additional questions. The retirement event in question was for Carli Lloyd, the women's national soccer team athlete who lives in Delran and recently retired from the sport. May you please advise on the reporter's follow-up questions?

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I made several opora requests seeking info on the planning and financials of an event Delran had on October 15th. In those requests the township omitted dozens of documents regarding the planning of the event, including 4 quotes that were all well above the bidding threshold that should have been sought through a competitive bidding process, but they were not. When I asked for all quotes recieved, they omitted the 4 over the 44k threshold and only supplied the separated contracts. An inside source sent me the other contracts, so I knew they existed.

When I questioned the council on the record as to whether they recieved quotes above the 44k that included all services, they refused to answer my questions. Myself, along with several others asked, but the council refused to answer. The Solicitor claimed when asked that he didn't know if either of the companies could have provided both services, yet at last week's council meeting he claimed he never said that, so he lied on the record about the procurement process.

The township was planning an event for the retirement of Carli Lloyd and had several quotes that were all well above the 44k bid threshold, one being for \$150,000 for a stage, lighting, audio and video for the event. After some citizens began questioning the costs of the event the township sought more quotes, these also being well above the 44k threshold. They had a quote from Starlite for \$61,500 that included all 4 services in one. The township then requested the company split the quotes because they were having an issue with the bidding threshold and in an email the RAC director says that the Solicitor directed him that it must be two separate quotes to move forward.

The company then gave one quote for \$39,000 and had a third party video company provide a quote for \$22,500, equaling the same \$61,500 number for both services, just split in two. The council then sponsored two separate resolutions for the separated service and never took bids. The contract for the staging and lighting services is some 5 times higher than similar services Delran contracted just 2 years prior for a stage. The contract has no specifications nor is it itemized, it's just a blanket contract for \$39,000 even.

Alex Glover and Mayor Catrambone both work for Center Stage Entertainment and even though Alex is not a township official nor employee, he was one of the people seeking quotes on behalf of the township for the retirement party. Alex was accepting quotes on behalf of the Township as a representative of Center Stage Entertainment, the company Mayor Gary Catrambone lists first on his financial disclosure statement as one of his employers. Not only was Alex Glover seeking quotes on behalf of the township as a representative of the same company that the Mayor works for and his nephew owns, Alex is also the person who signed the contract on behalf of Go Events with the Township's Administrator, Jeff Hatcher. This makes him not just the seeker of services that he is negotiating on behalf of the township for, but also the vendor of the services, hence how he negotiated such a great deal on behalf of the tax payers by negotiating his own contract for \$5950 for the DJ and band.

Questions:

1. Is it a conflict of interest for the Mayor to give his nephew/boss contracts from the township? If so, is the conflict considered an ethics violation, illegal, or is it perfectly legal to do so?
The Local Public Contracts Law does not prohibit using a vendor that may be related. The award may pose a violation under N.J.S. A. 40A:9-22.1 entitled Local Government Ethics Law.
2. Is a person who is not employed by the town or not a township official legally allowed to be getting quotes and or bids on behalf of the municipality?
There is nothing illegal about a person (volunteer) helping the township receive quotes.
3. Are municipalities allowed to separate services, that can be and were being offered as a whole, to bring the value of the contracts below the bidding threshold in order to avoid the public bidding process? If not, is this an ethical or legal violation?
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-7: Contracts not to be divided.
a. No contract in the aggregate which is single in character or which necessarily or by reason of the quantities required to effectuate the purpose of the contract includes the provision or performance of additional goods or services, shall be divided, so as to bring it or any of the parts thereof under the bid threshold, for the purpose of dispensing with the requirement of public advertising and bidding therefor.

b. In contracting for the provision or performance of any goods or services included in or incidental to the provision or performance of any work which is single in character or inclusive of the provision or performance of additional goods or services, all of the goods or services requisite for the completion of such contract shall be included in one contract.
4. Are Township officials allowed to lie on the record?
Accountability comes from their constituents...
5. What types of violations and or illegalities does the DCA investigate as it pertains to local municipalities?
Upon receipt of an ethics complaint, the DCA (Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Board) is charged with investigating those complaints.
See N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 entitled Ethics Law and N.J.A.C. 5:35-1.1 entitled Adopted Rules and Complaint Procedures.

Thanks for all of your assistance,
Patrick Duff

On Thu, Dec 2, 2021, 12:44 PM Ryan, Lisa [DCA] <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov> wrote:

Hi Patrick,

Tammori is out of the office today and tomorrow and asked me to get back to you regarding your inquiry about a Delran Township retirement event.

To your first question about Dedication by Rider, Delran Township has a Dedication by Rider approval for donations for special events. This retirement event may be considered a special event. Regarding your second question about the deejay at the event, there is no prohibition in the Local Public Contracts Law

about using vendors who are related to local government officials. The \$6,000 expense is below Delran's quote threshold of \$6,600, meaning that no additional quotes are required. To your last question about purchases, this would be an audit compliance matter and DCA's Division of Local Government Services does not have jurisdictional powers to investigate.

Regards,

Lisa

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From: Ryan, Lisa [DCA]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Heydel, Kevin [DCA]
Cc: Pane, Alyssa [DCA]
Subject: FW: PRESS CALL: WHY

From: Heydel, Kevin [DCA] <Kevin.Heydel@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Petty, Tammori [DCA] <Tammori.Petty@dca.nj.gov>; Suarez, Jacquelyn [DCA] <Jacquelyn.Suarez@dca.nj.gov>
Cc: Ryan, Lisa [DCA] <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov>; Trish, Gina [DCA] <Gina.Trish@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: RE: PRESS CALL: WHY

See below....

1. He said the town used a 2018 Dedication by Rider, which is supposed to be for recreation programs, to accept donations for the event. He said any proceeds are supposed to be used to offset costs for recreation programs. Delran has a Dedication by Rider approval for Donations for Special Events. This may be considered a special event.
2. The DJ for the event, which cost \$6,000, is the mayor's nephew. He asked if there is any law that speaks to conflicts of interest with family members?
There is no prohibition in the Local Public Contracts Law about using vendors who are related to local government officials. The \$6,000 expense is below Delran's quote threshold of \$6,600 meaning that no additional quotes are required.
3. There were a number of purchases that in total, were over the bid threshold of \$44,000. He said there was no RFP and the purchases were broken down into smaller amounts, although they were for the same services. This would be an audit compliance issue, the Division does not have jurisdictional powers to investigate.

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From: Petty, Tammori [DCA] <Tammori.Petty@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:13 PM
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Cc: Ryan, Lisa [DCA] <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov>; Trish, Gina [DCA] <Gina.Trish@dca.nj.gov>
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Good Afternoon:

Patrick Duff of WHYY is working on a story about a retirement event in Delran where more than \$100,000 was spent. He asked if the following items are allowable:

1. He said the town used a 2018 Dedication by Rider, which is supposed to be for recreation programs, to accept donations for the event. He said any proceeds are supposed to be used to offset costs for recreation programs.
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