

Good afternoon Chair Alford and Members of the UAB,

Earlier this week you received a letter which appears to be collusively written and is to be read into the record at this meeting.

The letter purportedly written by one of your members implies impropriety of your Chair and citizens.

The Chair's statements to the City Commission can be found in the City Commission video of the March 21, 2019 meeting [5:13:50]. I have a transcript of the chairman's remarks here for your convenience. Watch the video, read Chair Alford's words and decide what you believe – the record speaks for itself.

The purported writer of this letter also asserts, "At the UAB meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, I was asked directly by Mr. Nathan Skop if I had read the Fitch report, in which I responded yes, and so for chairman Alford to then tell the Commission on March 21 that she doesn't believe any of us had the time..." The fact is that this question was not asked by Mr. Skop on March 14<sup>th</sup> as the record shows. You decide what you believe, the record speaks for it self.

The writer is purported to be the member who on March 14<sup>th</sup> said [3:39:50] "...and I'm not going to say that finances is my strongest forte."

The writer is purported to be the member who on March 14<sup>th</sup> said [3:40:22] "...But at the end of day, I think we should leave it up to our staff, our utility company to kind of get us in this mess and kind of get us out."

The writer is purported to be the member who on March 14<sup>th</sup> said [3:41:16] "I'm not voting, but if I were, I would follow the staff recommendation to vote."

In the April 2, 2019 letter from Ms. Miles to be read today she says, "... they being the type of people they are..."

To what type of people does she refer?

People interested in their City Government?

People who question those who exercise authority?

People who believe the elected and appointed officials should be held accountable?

People who believe we can do better?

The Letter and the Records speak for themselves.

*Jo Beatty - April 11, 2019  
citizen comment*

March 14, 2019 transcript

2:39:40

UAB MEETING - March 14, 2019

**Carla Miles:** I've, I've seen better ideas

[Laughter]

**Carla Miles:** No, honestly, I've seen better ideas. Uhm and I'm not going to say that finances is my strongest forte.

I wouldn't even begin to want to do Mr. Bielarski's job, but what I do believe in is standing behind people that we choose to do a particular job.

Is it the decision I would make if I were doing the job? No.

If you were sitting there, you would make a decision that somebody in the audience would tell you, Nathan, you're out of your mind.

If you were sitting there, would you make a decision, this group could say they love it, that group could say they hate it.

But at the end of day, I think we should leave it up to our staff, our utility company to kind of get us in this mess and kind of get us out.

At the same time, y'all, y'all don't act like you all didn't hear me about that poor housing stock we need to address. While we're bouncing around these people's money, we owe it to them.

We owe it to them because at the end of day, as million, as much as it is, it's their money and they don't see a bunch of return on it.

At the same time, I want to see my utility prosper because this is a cornerstone of our city at the end of the day.

We can talk about it. However, I just been up here reading about different cases where they do restructure the debt and as Mr. Bielarski said, he's quite correct f you start to research these things, they do it all the time with favorable results as apart of the standard practice. You and I wouldn't know that because we're not in that seat or position.

I'm not voting, but if I were, I would follow the staff recommendation to vote.

Chair Alford: why aren't you voting?

**Carla Miles:** UHm

Chair : You can vote.

**Carla Miles:** Ok,

ChairAlford: You're a voting member.

**Carla Miles:** Okay, Okay - well, then I am voting.

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March 21, 2019 *City Commission meeting*

>> Mayor: okay, hold on, I have our attorney waving me down here.

Ms. Shalley? >> thank you and I am sorry to interrupt, I wanted to make clear for the record because there are sunshine law requirements around when a board member attends and I understand you are not speaking on behalf of the board, you are simply reheating what you observed and the vote taken on your observation?

>>[Alford 5:13:50] that's correct, that is actually in my written statement that this is not the board's representation.

We did not vote to have me come make board statement today, so if I talk about what the board did, it is purely what I remember. So the -- there was probably two hours of discussion about this at the uab meeting.

There are a lot of people whose minds changed as Mr. Bielarski and the finance department prepared and gave their information. The people who that supported the issuance of the series c bond agreed that since our ratings had not been affected, they felt like the rating companies had given their blessing basically and that it wasn't going to affect the financial strength of the utility by doing this.

Since that time, it has been -- there has been some questions as to whether or not we had all the information given to us about that and we were -- we did receive an e-mail at 10:00 A.M. That morning with the Fitch report in it, with the manager's summary of the Fitch report information, and since we were all professionals and have full-time jobs, there was not enough information to read that report for the full information so most of us came to the table without an understanding of the fitch report. There have been some questions as to whether or not we made the decision with full information.

So I, you know, the board state at that time yes pass it but whether the five would say that today, I don't know.