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Subject: Public Records Request for The Suburbanite
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Mayor, Council and Mr. Chris,

On Sept 2 The Suburbanite made a public records request in regards to a story which is in progress.

The request read as follows:

"Please provide me with a copy of all correspondence beginning February 1, 2018 to the current date between the mayor Gerard Neugebauer, law director William Chris, all members of City Council and all Charter Review Members in regards to overturning Issue 14. Also any communication between these same parties and Walter Haverfield regarding overturning Issue 14."

On Sept. 12 Mr. Chris replied with the following:

"Please be advised that we have reviewed your public records request of August 27 and made an inquiry within the City. While the records requested are privileged communications, no such documents exist within the City."

I don't understand if no documents exist or if they are privileged and not being provided. Regardless, the reply is confusing.

Upon receiving this reply, I reached out to several members of City Council along with the Council Clerk, who informed me they were never notified of the public records request. So I am not sure who Mr. Chris made and "inquiry" with, but he clearly did not reach out to all parties named in the public records request.

All parties named in the request must be reached out to per Ohio Sunshine Laws.

I would like this to happen and if there are privileged documents I would also like them provided and anything privileged to be blacked out.

I wanted to bring this to everyone's attention because this is another example of where the law is not being followed by the City of Green Law Office. I already brought to your attention in July where Mr. Chris refused to provide records until full payment was made. This was also a violation of the law, but was corrected upon reaching out to City Council and the Mayor.

Thank you,
Eric Poston
The Suburbanite