

Mayor Myer's Statement Regarding Ruling of the Court

Obviously, we are very pleased with the judge's ruling today. We have had a long-standing policy of appropriately responding to public records requests as required by law. Our administration has always been transparent in honoring these requests. In fact, we have given hundreds of pages of documents to my political opponent who was the genesis of this lawsuit.

We have also worked to make certain that political disputes do not interfere with City operations. In the course of responding to this request, it became clear that the demands being put on the City were a part of a political stunt focused on tying up our staff and costing taxpayer's money. We are pleased that the judge's ruling today will keep the City from spending even more tax dollars. The judge's ruling clearly benefitted the people of New Roads.

My opponent is trying to create suspicion concerning standard business practices. For example, his most recent of many requests questioned the amount of City credit card charges. Most people are aware that using a credit card to pay business or household expenses is more efficient and actually provides a more accurate record of expenditures. This saves the City time and money. Our financial records show that less than 5% of all city expenses are paid with a city issued credit card assigned to the mayor or any other employee.

I'm not sure if today's court challenge stemmed from my opponent's lack of knowledge of proper business management procedures or to distract me from doing the business of the City, which he has attempted to do for the past 5 months. Either way, the ruling of the court has allowed me and the City employees to get back to doing the work of the people.