

# Council dances around salary disclosures for economic development agencies

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"I cannot believe this," councilor Frank Fata said a number of times concerning the discussion over whether the economic development entities funded by the city disclose their incomes over \$100,000.

City councilor Matthew Shoemaker brought forward the motion that since the city funds economic development entities like the EDC, it should divulge its \$100,000 money makers.



Councilor Ross Romano and Steve Butland were vehemently opposed to the motion eventhough as Shoemaker pointed out they were in full support of earlier this year.

When it came down to a vote the motion failed.

Council, including the mayor were nervous of the legalities around the issue but Shoemaker was steadfast in declaring and clarifying that these entities are funded by the city and should disclose the nature of who is making the big bucks, if any.

These entities have danced around the issue as well by getting legal advice in the past and hiding their wages from the public.

As said, the motion was voted down and the waters made all the more muddy concerning who this money is going to that is coming from local tax dollars and amounting to over \$2.3-Million.

Note: Frank Fata was in favour of the motion.

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