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Good Evening Nicole,

Let's take this one by one -

From: nthill@spotlightnews.net [mailto:nthill@spotlightnews.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 7:33 PM
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Subject: Reaching out for comments

Hi Tina,

This is Nicole with the Spotlight. I wanted to reach out to for some comment on a story hat I'm working on. I submitted a public records request to the city recently and received a variety of email exchanges and records that include you, city staff, the city council, Gemstone Talent. In those email correspondences there are a series of allegations made by Gemstone Talent regarding your working relationship with the agency and with the city as a contracted employee. Some of those allegations include: spreading of false information about Kimberly Brown – [please give me or show me an example or proof?](#) ;some communications about event talent costs were withheld from city to shield the information from media – my contract with the agency is here – I am bound by contract to not disclose her pay. This is very standard as it allows them to negotiate for other events based on an ever changing environment. Every contract for talent is confidential. The agency does not want anyone including the media to know this. This is one of the reasons that the city hires me – the city must remain transparent – while I am under contract with them to do a job – (here is the budget for the whole event) I then negotiate and they can honestly say they don't know what is paid. When the event is over they see all the numbers that include everything but don't necessarily know what the specific cost of something that is confidential is. It protects both parties.

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; and allegations that an ongoing feud between yourself and Shedc, which involved Gemstone talent when planning for an event last fall might have negatively influenced the working relationship with those involved parties. This is completely false – it is strange how you sit in these council meetings and hear the mayor tell Shedco to come to him directly if they want the blessing of the city for support of an event and then they go behind his back and the council and plan a competing event. (However; SHEDCO and the agent said the event was to be for locals only which meant it fell outside of tourism and thus would not be included in an agenda for out of town guests, and that it was noncompetitive.) So the “feud” if you want to call it that was between Shedco and the Mayor and Council because they did not follow the guidelines; but, I get blamed

for everything anyway because I am an easy target. Diane at the agency became involved in small town politics when she explicitly said she did not want to.

I wanted to ask if you had any comment or response regarding the allegations that are outlined in the emails. I'm able to see correspondences between yourself and various agents, but wanted to give you the chance to provide comments for publication that go beyond those emails. I have no idea what emails you are referring to. I can tell you that Diane apparently sent Julie at The Chronicle many emails too and that Julie deemed in her own words to Stephanie Patterson as "Crazy and Rambling." Please verify this with Stephanie the exact words. Julie then proceeded to publish within an article these "Crazy and Rambling" correspondences even though she actually knew they were untrue. I actually think that is extremely irresponsible; but I blame Frank for that. He is the editor and anyone could see how poorly that article was written. Then she proceeded to quote me within the article when I have not spoken to her in more than a year. Then she said I eluded that SHEDCO was asking the city for 20K to not interfere with Halloweentown. She didn't bother to acknowledge that this conversation was actually held between myself and another reporter and that I had added, Please call Stephanie because she was actually there – but – oh – wait so was Julie herself and Frank. So Julie decides to say what I said about the 20K demand from Shedco when she herself was actually there. This is why people have so much misinformation. No one wants to state facts – like because you say Festival of the Fairies made 1600 dollars they believe that – completely false. You looked at the numbers incorrectly, but I don't care about that really which is why I have not called for a correction. When it happened again on a much larger scale Matt stepped up because it was absurd – we all know what then happened, but of course it was too late and people read that and not the retraction – and interesting that Diane mentions it in an email – who told her that? It is scary that you don't ask her to verify anything – is that because it was you who told her? Who cares about allegations without a source? That's not reporting on anything. Just baseless words. I have no reason to expect anyone to ever know the real story. I can tell you one thing. I will fight for the city and when I hear that a group who is supposed to be in charge of economic development is trying to co hearse the city out of 20,000 dollars simply to not interfere with a major event I will not be quiet and I will not support them or their board.

You know what would be very interesting? Is to read SHEDCO's bylaws and minutes for the last 2 years. There seems to be a lot of decisions made behind closed doors by a group who has the leader that is running for Mayor. That's a story for you. This whole Kimberly Brown things is really silly. It is as simple as an agent trying like mad to get a client to pay a fee that they aren't going to pay and using whatever tactics they think might force them to cooperate. It seems odd that one of Dianes emails makes mention that they will just weigh whether or not they come to St. Helens, OR against all their other offers, implying that they have a lot. Then when we can't reach her bar she doesn't move on. Strange. We have lots of other talent coming this year and Halloween is going to be grand. Festival of the Fairies will make money again and more if things continue as planned.

Honestly, I don't really care if you send me the emails to which you refer. It's a nothing burger. If you write an inflamed story folks might jump up and down with more wild suppositions and angry words; but really you won't go to bed satisfied because you will know the truth is of no consequence. We have moved on. We would still like Kimberly to return in the future, but the Council would likely not be able to approve it if the cost is high. That's the future, this is now. How long are you going to beat this dead horse to try and sell a paper? I'm going to work to try and give people a reason to come to Spirit of Halloweentown. I am encouraging people to visit that might want a cool, fun trip to a place they likely had never heard of before now that enjoy Halloween Activities

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES.

Please, check my sources stated.

If you'd like to see the correspondences, I can provide those if you need more context as well.

If you would like reply, I am working on deadline and will be able to use comments submitted before noon on Thursday, Sept 13.

Email is a good way to reach me, or feel free to reach out by phone as well.

Thank you!

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