

Kim MacEachern

From: Kim MacEachern
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 5:29 PM
To: Brad Carlyon
Subject: Re: LPC

We don't tape those. Just Council meetings. Prolly should beware of email traffic tho.

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 5:26 PM, Brad Carlyon <Brad.Carlyon@navajocountyaz.gov> wrote:

Worried that Lando and Bill might jump to some wrong conclusions. It did look like exact quotes. If they didn't do a public record request for the tape, they were listening.

Probably a full story next week.

Shit! Shit! Shit! We're going to screw this fight up between the AG and his off the cuff comments and Lando's politicking and talking as frankly as he did at a public meeting.

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 5:20 PM, Kim MacEachern <Kim.MacEachern@apaac.az.gov> wrote:

I don't know that to be the case for Council members, but it sounds like exact quotes from the meeting. I only sent this to the LPC people in attendance and Sheila, not the full Council.

From: Brad Carlyon [<mailto:Brad.Carlyon@navajocountyaz.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 5:19 PM
To: Kim MacEachern <Kim.MacEachern@apaac.az.gov>
Subject: Re: LPC

You might want to make it clear that someone was listening in on the phone and no Council member or staff talked with the media

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 5:12 PM, Kim MacEachern <Kim.MacEachern@apaac.az.gov> wrote:

How would he? Usually EI monitors but she was out at a training, but even then we would have no way to tip him off. We should eliminate the phone option in my view as they are on to us and can stalk. If people had to appear by video or in person we would at least know the weasel was there. I am fairly sure it is Ben Giles. Quite the sleuth journalist.

From: Brad Carlyon [<mailto:Brad.Carlyon@navajocountyaz.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 5:10 PM

To: Kim MacEachern <Kim.MacEachern@apaac.az.gov>

Subject: Re: LPC

Did Lando know?

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 4:52 PM, Kim MacEachern

<Kim.MacEachern@apaac.az.gov> wrote:

Yes, they were listing in on the phone.

From: Brad Carlyon

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Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 4:51 PM

To: Kim MacEachern <Kim.MacEachern@apaac.az.gov>

Subject: Re: LPC

This was in today's Yellow Sheet!?!? If yes, how did they get the information?

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 4:27 PM, Kim MacEachern

<Kim.MacEachern@apaac.az.gov> wrote:

From the Yellow Sheet:

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The Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council met yesterday to discuss possible law-enforcement-related legislation coming in 2016, including civil asset forfeiture. Reforming the practice of law enforcement seizing someone's property before they are convicted of a crime, and in some cases, even if they are never convicted of a crime, has become a "big topic on everyone's list, unfortunately," APAAC lobbyist Kim MacEachern said. Thorpe is drafting a bill to add transparency accountability into the civil asset forfeiture system (YS, 8/27), which advocates say is widely abused and fundamentally unjust (YS,

7/22). MacEachern said the group needs to go on the offensive to ensure Thorpe's bill is killed, but Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles assured the group he had already taken care of it. "I don't know if you know, but I've been a little involved in this issue," Voyles chimed in telephonically, to roars of laughter from the others on the committee. (Voyles is a defendant in the ACLU's suit alleging misuse of the funds. The ACLU alleges Voyles has used civil asset forfeiture funds on his own home security system, various sports teams, the County of Salt Lake, personnel and retirement costs for his own employees, not to mention several nonprofit organizations closely aligned with him and Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu.) Voyles said he has already talked to some lawmakers, including Biggs and Gowan. "Speaker Gowan is completely against having it heard in the House... If it's not going to be heard in the House, we don't have any issue, there's not going to be anything heard about it this session," Voyles said. MacEachern noted that, even if the bill isn't heard in the House, Thorpe can "litigate it in the media." Voyles agreed, and said the group needs to come up with a media strategy to change the perception about civil asset forfeiture. Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery warned that, even with Gowan already on their side, there's still the possibility that something could be worked on in the Senate. But Voyles said even if the Senate passes a bill, if Gowan is opposed, the bill will eventually die. "For at least a year, we would have the opportunity to go to the media and change the perception," Voyles said.

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