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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
2021 – OIG-1

I was contacted via the Inspector General email by an anonymous Complainant who asked that I investigate the issue of a physical altercation that occurred on March 4, 2021 between Alderman Shawn Gregory and another individual. I initiated the investigation by viewing a cell phone video of the incident, reviewing an official Springfield Police Department Report that had been filed in this matter and interviewing Alderman Gregory. As explained below, I was unable to interview the other individual involved in the altercation, Leonardo White, because he is currently in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Alderman Gregory met face to face with me and was very forthcoming and answered all questions which I asked of him. In Alderman Gregory's presence we viewed the complete cell phone video of the incident, which video had been made by a neighbor identified in the police report. That video shows Alderman Gregory parked at his residence when the person later identified as Leonardo White approached him. Mr. White began arguing with Alderman Gregory on the south lawn of the Alderman's residence. There are no sidewalks in that area.

Alderman Gregory stated that the argument began when Mr. White accused him of contacting the mother of Mr. White's child. Alderman Gregory states that he had received ongoing communications, prior to the altercation, in which Mr. White made similar allegations which Alderman Gregory denied.

The video shows the two men arguing and it is significant to note that throughout the verbal portion of the interaction Alderman Gregory had both hands behind his lower back. While his hands were behind him, he received a poke to his right eye from Mr. White. The police report indicates that the officer examined Alderman Gregory's face and saw a scratch to his right eye in addition to swelling of his forehead.

In response to being poked in the eye, Alderman Gregory landed one blow to Mr. White's head, at which time Mr. White picked him up, threw him to the ground, fell on top of him, and began a series of blows to Alderman Gregory's head. This continued until a neighbor, identified in the Springfield Police Department Report and visible in the cell phone video, pulled Mr. White off of Alderman Gregory. Mr. White then fled the scene.

The Springfield Police Department was called by a neighbor and responded to the scene. The officer interviewed the person who made the cell phone video, the neighbor who stopped the

altercation, and Alderman Gregory, in addition to viewing the cell phone video at the scene. A separate officer was dispatched to apprehend Leonardo White, which occurred a short time later.

Leonardo White, in the custody of the Springfield Police Department, was brought back to the scene. In the police report Mr. White states that Alderman Gregory was the aggressor and he was defending himself. That is contrary to all the other eye witnesses and not supported by the cell phone video which I viewed.

When Leonardo White was returned to the scene in Springfield Police Department custody, Alderman Gregory was asked if he wished to press charges and he indicated that he would rather speak with Mr. White in the presence of the officers and see if they could resolve Mr. White's concerns about his alleged contact with Mr. White's child's mother. Alderman Gregory states that they had a conversation regarding that subject and thereafter he indicated that he did not wish to press charges and wished that Mr. White be released from police custody, which occurred at the scene according to the police report.

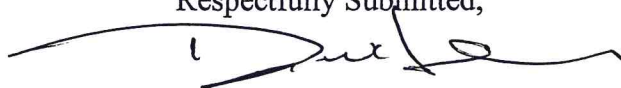
I have been in contact with the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office which indicates that neither Alderman Gregory nor Leonardo White came to their office to seek charges against the other. The State's Attorney reviewed the cell phone video and the police report and no charges were filed against either party.

I was unable to interview Leonardo White because he is currently an inmate with the Illinois Department of Corrections at the Menard Correctional Center in the Southern Illinois town of Chester. According to court records, Mr. White was on Mandatory Supervised Release (previously referred to as parole) for a Sangamon County case in which he was sentenced to 3 years in the Department of Corrections for what the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's website describes as manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, being heroin. Mr. White's parole was violated apparently due to a new pending felony charge unrelated to this incident.

Mr. White has been sent to the Illinois Department of Corrections four different times from four different counties, including an Aggravated Battery/Use of Deadly Weapon, conviction from Peoria County, a Domestic Battery/Bodily Harm conviction from Tazwell County and a 2002 felony in Sangamon County in which he was charged with First-Degree Murder and pled guilty to Second Degree Murder and was sentenced to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Additionally, Mr. White had five Orders of Protections issued against him in Sangamon County in 2020 on behalf of four different Complainants.

Based upon my review of the cell phone video, the Springfield Police Department Report, and interview with Alderman Gregory, I find, as did the Springfield Police Department, that Alderman Gregory was not the aggressor in the March 4, 2021 incident with Leonardo White. This, along with the determination by the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office, that no charges be filed against Alderman Gregory, leads me to recommend no actions or sanctions be taken against Alderman Gregory and this matter is now closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
2020 – OIG-7

I was contacted with a request to review the procedures used in selecting the Onsite/Near-site Health Clinic Provider for a new five-year contract with the City. A question was raised in that the Director of the City Office of Budget and Management was married to an upper-level executive at HSHS Medical Group, Inc., the prior vendor and a bidder on the new contract.

The Office of Budget and Management was contacted, and I was directed to Amanda C. Long who is a Purchasing Agent with OBM and who advised me that the OBM Director had recused himself from any involvement relating to the Onsite/Near-site Health Clinic matter and that she took charge of all aspects of this matter.

The City issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) seeking vendors for the Onsite/Near-site Health Clinic. Copies of the RFP were sent to several local potential bidders, the RFP was duly published in the State Journal Register and the RFP was available on the City of Springfield website.

At the conclusion of the bidding period set forth in the RFP, HSHS Medical Group, Inc. submitted a proposal along with the following:

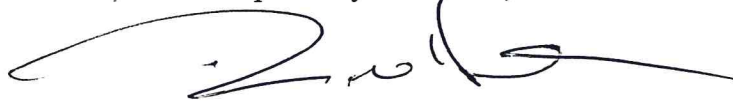
CareATC of Tulsa, Oklahoma
Healthstat, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina
Cerner Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri
Marathon Health of Winooski, Vermont
One to One Health of Chattanooga, Tennessee
Activate Healthcare of Indianapolis, Indiana

Following the bid opening, the Human Resources Department of the City, in conjunction with the Joint Labor Management Healthcare Committee, as well as the City's healthcare consultants, Assurance Agency, evaluated the seven proposals. Three finalists were chosen by the aforescribed group and follow-up interviews were completed and HSHS Medical Group d/b/a HSHS Leadwell was chosen.

Based upon my review I found no deviation from standard RFP procedures with regard to the Onsite/Near-site Health Clinic matter. The City's advertising of the RFP, both in the press and on the City website, was sufficient to produce a field of seven vendors from across several states. The Human Resources Department along with the Joint Labor Management Healthcare Committee and the City's healthcare consultants all participated in the selection of the winning candidate. There appears to have been no participation by the Director of OBM and all responsibilities with regard to this contract were delegated to a subordinate. Thereafter, the City Council over several meetings reviewed the ordinance and ultimately approved the ordinance selecting HSHS Medical Group, Inc. to operate the Onsite/Near-site Health Clinic for the ensuing five-year period.

No improprieties having been uncovered and appropriate procedures having been utilized with regard to this RFP, the complaint is unfounded and there are no recommendations for any follow-up action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
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I was contacted by a Complainant who wished to remain anonymous who complained regarding the filling of an open employee position with the City of Springfield. The Complainant questioned whether or not the position should have been filled and whether the person who was selected as the new employee was qualified. I contacted the Springfield Human Resources Department, and they were able to identify the position in question and the procedures followed. The position was covered by a union contract and following the interview of all candidates, an existing employee was promoted into the existing position. The Complainant was not an applicant for the position according to Human Resources.

Based upon the information received from Human Resources there did not appear to be any improprieties in filling the open position and in the procedures used to fill that position. Therefore, this matter is closed without any recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger W. Holmes, Inspector General

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