

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GRAND JURY, FALL TERM, 1996

CASE NO. FT96-6

IN RE: Employment Separation Agreement of Former City Manager Steven Burkett

**PRESENTMENT**

IN THE NAME OF AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

THIS CAUSE came to the Grand Jury upon a letter from Mr. Charles Bagwell dated March 16, 1997 requesting our review of the issue of Steven Burkett's severance agreement from his position as the City Manager, and a letter dated March 21, 1997 sent to the State Attorney by Mr. Marvin C. Gray requesting to be heard by this Grand Jury on the subject of the City of Tallahassee Commissioners and their handling of Mr. Burkett's resignation. The grand jury is not a substitute to make the legislative or executive decisions, duties, or policies that are vested in our public officials who are elected or appointed. However, according to the Florida Grand Jury Instructions we are authorized to inquire into matters of local governmental administration, and if we deem it appropriate, make a Presentment or report of our findings which may include criticisms when fairly supported by the evidence, recommendations, or commendations.

In addition to the correspondence mentioned above, we have reviewed the Employment Agreement with Mr. Burkett of October 10, 1994, the Employment Separation Agreement of March 6, 1997, and heard the sworn testimony of Mr. Marvin Gray and City Attorney Mr. Jim English and find that no violation of the Sunshine Law occurred in the employment termination of former City Manager Steven Burkett.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13 day of May, 1997,

ATTEST

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LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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