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AN ORDINANCE
BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AN ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE THE
UNDATED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF ATLANTA AND JUDITH BLACKWELL
FOR "CONSULTANT SERVICES" AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

11/6/00 - Motion to Override
Filed ~~11/6/00~~ due to lack
of a 2/3 majority vote.

11/6/00 WITHOUT ADOPTED BY
FILED OBJECTION OCT 16 2000

COUNCIL
FILED BY NOV 06 2000
CITY COUNCIL

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 10/2/00

Referred To: Finance / Executive

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Committee Fin Exec
Date 10-19-2000
Chair FIN EXECUTIVE
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Committee Fin Exec
Date 10/11/00
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
 2nd 1st & 2nd 3rd
Readings
 Consent V Vote RC Vote

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OCT 16 2000

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTEM

CERTIFIED
OCT 16 2000
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MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

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OCT 24 2000

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MAYOR

RCS# 2355
11/06/00
2:40 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

00-0-1575

Vetoed Legislation regarding Contract
with Former CFO Judith Blackwell
OVERRIDE

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 7
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 1
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 1

*MOTION TO
OVERRIDE
FAILED*

*Due to the
Lack of
a 2/3 Majority
Vote*

N McCarty	N Dorsey	Y Moore	Y Thomas
B Starnes	Y Woolard	N Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond *	Y Morris	N Maddox	N Alexander
N Winslow	Y Muller	N Boazman	NV Pitts

* Councilmember Bond noted after the close of the vote that it was his intent to vote NAY, however he pressed the Yea voting button in error.

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CITY OF ATLANTA

BILL CAMPBELL
MAYOR

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October 26, 2000

Council President Robb Pitts
Members of the Atlanta City Council
City Hall 2nd Floor Suite 2900
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Dear President Pitts and Members of Council:

I hereby return with my veto, 00-O-1575

On October 16, 2000 the Atlanta City Council adopted Ordinance # 00-O-1575 that proposes to terminate the contract with Ms. Judith Blackwell (former Chief Financial Officer).

The Administration followed the legal procedure outlined in the City Code to enter into the agreement with Ms. Blackwell. She has performed specific duties under this agreement and has made presentations directly to the Chief Operating Officer. The Chief Operating Officer has indicated that Ms. Blackwell has satisfactorily performed various tasks as outlined in the agreement. Consequently, she received compensation for services rendered under this contract. For the City of Atlanta to retroactively terminate this contract and demand the return of money for services rendered is inappropriate and as I understand, illegal. Furthermore, I have been advised that the retroactive termination of the agreement will most likely subject the City of Atlanta to protracted and costly litigation.

Although agreements of this nature are relatively rare within City of Atlanta government they are not unprecedented. Various former employees (Charlie Davis, Leon Eplan, and others) have entered into similar agreements and their services have been very helpful.

The Charter has granted the Mayor the authority enter into agreements, below a certain dollar amount, when it is in the best interest of the City of Atlanta to obtain the services of veteran employees. This provision has been used with exceeding caution during my tenure as Mayor. The knowledge that Ms. Blackwell obtained while serving as a City employee is valuable to the City of Atlanta and her continued services have been useful.

For the above mentioned reasons I urge you to veto Ordinance #00-O-1575.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "C" at the end.

Bill Campbell



**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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WHEREAS, through an undated contract former Chief Financial Officer, Judith Blackwell agreed to perform certain unspecified services for a six month period on behalf of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the nature of such services are not contained in the contract; and

WHEREAS, any such services which could be performed by Ms. Blackwell are not needed by the City of Atlanta.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA HEREBY ORDAINS AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The undated contract between Judith Blackwell and the City of Atlanta is hereby terminated.

Section 2. Any funds which have been expended pursuant to said contract shall be recouped from Ms. Blackwell.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.