

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Altia Lawrence-Bynum,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2020-0451

Water Pollution Control Authority,
City of Waterbury; and
City of Waterbury,

Respondents

November 17, 2021

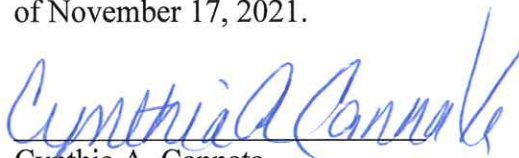
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a remote contested case on October 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Richard J. Scappini, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with one witness. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Scappini appeared with Michael LeBlanc, Finance Director and GOVQA Representative.¹ Attorney Scappini represented that Mr. LeBlanc was prepared to testify in this matter concerning the process by which records responsive to the underlying request were gathered and disclosed to the complainant. Attorney Scappini also represented that he had spent at least six hours reviewing the case file and preparing his witness for the contested case hearing.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed based upon a failure to prosecute.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of November 17, 2021.



Cynthia A. Cannata
Acting Clerk of the Commission

¹ GOVQA is the public records management system that the city currently utilizes to disclose its public records.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

ALTIA LAWRENCE-BYNUM, 389 Berkley Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06704

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, CITY OF WATERBURY; AND CITY OF WATERBURY, c/o Attorney Richard J. Scappini, City of Waterbury, Office of Corporation Counsel, 235 Grand Street, 3rd Floor, Waterbury, CT 06702



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