

1 The following is a partial transcript between
2 Donald Hill and Lynn Flint Shaw on April 18, 2005
3 (Phone ringing)
4 LYNN SHAW (SHAW):COUNCILMAN.
5 DONALD W. HILL(HILL):Hey, LYNN, what have you
6 been doing, man?
7 SHAW:Well, I've been trying to call you, man.
8 HILL:No, no, you've been campaigning too hard, just
9 busy. And, and then, and then...
10 SHAW:I've sure been busy.
11 HILL:...and then what I get is your overflow, you
12 know?
13 SHAW:(Laughing) Well.
14 HILL:ED OAKLEY calling me, saying, hey, LYNN had
15 me on the phone, and they were telling me this, and
16 this, and I don't understand. Yep, I'm just catching
17 all your overflow.
18 SHAW:Well, he, he need to get a grip and all of
19 these...
20 HILL:(Laughing)
21 SHAW:...get a grip.
22 HILL:(Laughing)
23 SHAW:I mean, you know, (UI), he, he's been in some of
24 The meetings, and he's, he, well, I thought the
25 Coalition was gonna do that.. No you didn't Ed. You

1 couldn't possibly know that being in a meeting. Give
2 me a break.

3 HILL:(Laughing) Well.

4 SHAW:Any...

5 HILL:Yeah, really. Ahh well, (stuttering) he's trying
6 to work on that, because I think what, what I ended up
7 saying to him was, you know, get with
8 CHARLOTTA THOMPSON (PH), see what it's
9 see what it's gonna take for the run, and get out the
10 vote campaign over there, and, and get the money, and
11 go get it done. He, he thought he'd have a campaign,
12 (UI) campaign, so he looking at saving his money, so
13 that's kinda what the deal is, you know.

14 SHAW:And I, and I understand that, but you know what?
15 Y'all want this defeated.

16 HILL:That's right.

17 SHAW:You know (UI)...

18 HILL:That's right, hey, hey, hey.

19 SHAW:He (UI).

20 HILL:You're, you're absolutely right. No, you're
21 Absolutely right. How things going?

22 SHAW:Well.

23 HILL:I mean, I mean, I guess, I guess, I am asking,
24 yeah I'm asking. How things going?

25 SHAW:Well, I think that, that, you know I'm getting,

1 I'm gonna have to call, and I'm just letting you know,
2 some of these white council people like GARY GRIFFITH,
3 and I have to have a come to Jesus with him.
4 HILL:(Laughing)
5 SHAW:He called, you know, ahh, these white folks
6 sitting on the sidelines.
7 HILL:Yeah, they sitting on the sideline.
8 SHAW:And, and the white consultants that we have
9 hired, that we are paying this money to, doesn't want
10 to really say anything to GARY and, well, you know
11 what? Duh, it's about time.
12 HILL:No, it is. It's time. This is it. This is the
13 time, this is it.
14 SHAW:And I'm, and I'm gonna call him, and I'm gonna
15 say, look COUNCILMAN, we need you, be real proactive
16 on this. Because, ahh, the, the word I'm getting, is
17 a lot of people in your district are gonna, is gonna
18 vote for this, and we can't afford this.
19 HILL:We really can't.
20 SHAW:We can't!
21 HILL:And, and I mean, and I would tell you, we, we,
22 we been talking at him. And, and that's why, kinda
23 toward the end of his even working on this
24 alternative, he just kind of faded in the
25 background, 'cause he, he wants to try to sit on the,

1 and there's no need in him sitting on the fence,
2 'cause LAURA's gonna shoot him in the butt as many
3 times she can anyway.

4 SHAW:Well, but let me tell you something. She's
5 gonna do what she wants to do. He already signed the
6 pledge and everything else. She's gonna be shooting
7 bullets at him, no matter what he does.

8 HILL:That's exactly...

9 SHAW:You know?

10 HILL:...and what is his problem? (Stuttering) What is
11 he doing? I don't, I don't understand it.

12 SHAW:(UI)

13 HILL:I've talked to him and, and, and I haven't talked
14 to him as,as you describe. I'm just kinda saying, I
15 mean, what are you doing? I mean, when he's asking me
16 questions, and he really doesn't have an answer, you
17 know?

18 SHAW:And what is he, what, well, he ain't doing
19 nothing.

20 HILL:He's not doing anything.

21 SHAW:Everybody is frustrated with him. Okay?

22 HILL:Yeah, yeah.

23 SHAW:So, I got a couple of things I need to touch base
24 with you on.

25 HILL:Yes, Ma'am.

1 SHAW:One, is that when you and I ask the same people
2 for money, we need to tell each other we're doing
3 that, so that we don't get crossed up. Because I was
4 asking CHRIS for money for the Coalition,...

5 HILL:And what CHRIS told me was, and what CHRIS told
6 me was, he was gonna give you the same \$7500. So
7 don't let him play that on you, and I'll go in there
8 and squeeze him on it if you need to, 'cause you,
9 because they, they are collecting the money
10 So 'cause I, I talked to him about that. The only
11 reason I didn't tell you, was that, that was what he
12 said was, we gonna give you the same 75, we gonna
13 give the same \$7500 that they promised you.

14 SHAW:Well, (stuttering) he said, well, I gave that
15 money to DON...

16 HILL:No.

17 SHAW:...for the NAACP.

18 HILL:No, no, no. He said...

19 SHAW:So, I said...

20 HILL:...no, no.

21 SHAW:(UI)? He said, well, I don't wanta get DON in
22 trouble.

23 HILL:No.

24 SHAW:I said, DON's always in trouble with me, but
25 that's okay.

1 HILL:That's right.

2 SHAW:But I said, you, you and, you told me you were
3 gonna give me this money.

4 HILL:That's right, and that's what he came back and
5 told me too,so.

6 SHAW:Okay.

7 HILL:(Stuttering) I will visit with him today. I'll
8 visit with him.

9 SHAW:Visit with him today. The other thing is that I,
10 ahh, I had a come to Jesus with the people in the Arts
11 Community. And toldthem that, you know, they weren't
12 giving us the money, and the mayor was going around
13 saying she was not gonna do anything with this
14 performing arts complex. And, she was not for,
15 ahh, doing the maintenance agreement that we are all
16 pushing for. And, they were pretty up in arms about
17 it. So ahh, I told them,
18 (UI), well, what can we do? I said, y'all need to
19 give us some money.

20 HILL:Need money. I mean, they, I mean, what'd they
21 mean, what'd we do? They (UI)....

22 SHAW:She also...

23 HILL:...she's been kicking BILL LIVELY's (PH) butt.
24 I mean (stuttering) what is it they don't undertstand?

25 SHAW:Let me tell you, let me tell you. And BILL has

1 been on them about giving to the Coalition. But, you
2 see all these people, like BILL (UI) and all the rest
3 of 'em, have given to her because, you know, she bats
4 those damn eyes at 'em. And they just, oh, she's so
5 attractive, and she's so this, and she's, you
6 know how, how they act. And CHARLES WILEY and all
7 the rest of 'em. So, that's the deal, and now they
8 have
9 clearly understood that she's kicking all of their
10 butts, and she's taking their money for other
11 projects. But, at the same time this is
12 their pet project.

13 HILL:Yep, yep, yep.

14 SHAW:And she ain't trying to do anything for it.

15 HILL:That's right. That's right. That's right.

16 SHAW:So, so we're, so hopefully we'll get some money
17 from that. But, you know, I can't believe...

18 HILL:Well, I mean, (stuttering) when is that supposed
19 to come, I mean, what, what are they...

20 SHAW:Well I, I just had this, this meeting with them
21 on Friday. I've been asking for money for DR. REESE
22 on the Q-T. And so, ahh, I'm, I'm gonna start, and,
23 and I told them they need to start writing checks to
24 the Coalition. Ahh,as soon as they can, so. I'm
25 gonna...

1 HILL:But now, but now LYNN (stuttering) let me, let
2 say this to you.

3 SHAW:Uh-huh.

4 HILL:Alright, so that, so that, maybe you need to,
5 maybe add a little addendum, put a little addendum on
6 your message now...

7 SHAW:Uh-huh.

8 HILL:...The Arts Community doesn't give me any money,
9 okay? And I don't trust 'em on it, so it's all good.
10 I ain't got no problem with that, but now when the
11 Arts Community come down to City Hall, I try to work
12 with them as best I can. All of us. They don't give
13 any of us money. And JAMES, LEO, none of us. Okay?
14 So, but we go down there, and fight for
15 them on whatever their issue, we try to do that now.

16 SHAW:Now they told me in the past, they've given y'all
17 some money, like (UI) and all the rest.

18 HILL:Nah. And how, if I knew (UI) name and address
19 I wouldn't even know how to spell it. I, I, I, no.

20 SHAW:Alright, alright. Okay, okay.

21 HILL:So, so I'm, I'm just saying to you, (stuttering)
22 this here, 'cause the preacher, I went to three
23 churches yesterday, my own and two more. And we all
24 had good, good response on, on this,
25 (UI) turn (UI) and let me speak, and all that stuff.

1 But anyway, but one of the town's preacher was talking
2 about ahh, you gotta choose between revenge and
3 forgiveness. Now I, and I'm struggling with that,
4 because ahh, LAURA says we get past this,
5 and these folks didn't step up, and then they're
6 gonna come behind and say well, you know, no, no.
7 It's not gonna be like that.

8 SHAW: I understand. I...

9 HILL: It's not gonna, so they need to understand that.

10 SHAW: I understand. I understand. Hey, you know? I,
11 I totally understand, and that's what I told them
12 yesterday. And all of 'em listening to LAURA and
13 everything else, so what I'm doing today on the Q-T,
14 is making some calls and telling them they gonna have
15 to donate to this. And, I think all of 'em in that
16 room understand that.

17 HILL: They, they need to, they need to get 50 to
18 \$100,000 together and get it to y'all by the end of
19 the week. If there's somebody I can call, because I,
20 if I don't see no money, I'm not voting on no
21 maintenance contract.

22 SHAW: I gotcha'. Well, let me tell you. I'm, I'm
23 making some calls today. I will let you know who you
24 need to call.

25 HILL: Thank you. I'll go where, just give me who I

1 need to talk to.

2 SHAW:Okay. Don't worry about it. I'm gonna, I'm
3 gonna do that. I'm gonna do that. The other thing
4 is that, ahh, ahh, but they understand now that she's
5 out to kick their butt, okay? And, you see all of
6 'em had been told by her, you know she lies, that...

7 HILL:She lies.

8 SHAW:...the maintenance agreement would be okay. See
9 and then she said in a coffee and said to BILL LIVELY,
10 oh no, we not doing this. So, I'm just letting you
11 know. The other thing is that, ahh, on the 28th. How
12 is this gonna be set up, do you know? The, the...

13 HILL:I, I don't. All I know is, I, I don't know.

14 FREDDIE talked about it, PASTOR HAYNES (PH) talked
15 about it yesterday. But, I don't know how it's gonna
16 be set up.

17 SHAW:Okay.

18 HILL:Now the way he described it, was the issues, PAT
19 WEBB is running that, but he described, as the issues
20 debate deal, the way he laid it out, you know?

21 SHAW:Okay. Well, I mean, you know, LAURA knows, ahh,
22 we have a bunch of issues with her, so I mean, you
23 know. Do you think she's gonna show up?

24 HILL:Oh no, she won't, she, she, she would not, not
25 show up. Then she got, they got (UI) and no, no she,

1 she'll show up. She ain't gonna, unless something
2 happen to her, she'll be there. She love, she loves
3 that kind of environment. People kinda boo
4 her, and say bad things about her. She loves that,
5 she loves it.

6 SHAW:And you know why?

7 HILL:And, then she goes, she goes, yeah, she goes in
8 the other part of town, and says, you know, I went
9 over to (UI) to appeal to those people, they need more
10 help than anybody, but all they do is just, just, you
11 know, they just caught up in, in the past.

12 SHAW:And, and these folks they, they think we're
13 awful (UI).

14 HILL:I know it, I know it. They don't under, I mean,
15 they don't,
16 (Stuttering) I invite black people to work on my yard
17 all the time.

18 SHAW:(Laughing) I gotcha', I gotcha'. Well, I just
19 wanted to touch base with you. I'm gonna call you
20 later, and let you know who you need to talk to.

21 HILL:Because, LYNN, by the end of the week we need to
22 have that,we need to have the money, so just tell me
23 who I need to talk to.

24 SHAW:I will. I will. Don't worry about it. Okay?

25 HILL:And, and ahh, (stuttering) I'm trying to think,

1 you know, kinda work some folks, get out the vote, but
2 it's a little more difficult to get some money from
3 some of these folks that are, that are at risk for (UI)
4 to the Coalition. But, I got on, one group I want to
5 try to work through. So, I'm gonna try to see if
6 I can get you \$5,000 for you to give to the Coalition.
7 So, I'm working on that. I'll be able to give you an
8 answer back on it today or tomorrow.

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