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**MIAMI-DADE  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

**In re:**

**C 18-31-07**

**Vincent Brown and Newall Daughtry  
on a complaint by Joseph Spiezio**

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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

This complaint was filed by Joseph Spiezio, (Spiezio).<sup>1</sup> Spiezio alleged that the City of Opa-locka's City Attorney, Vincent Brown, its former City Manager, Newall Daughtry (Daughtry), along with other City staff, violated the Citizens Bill of Rights and the Sunshine Law by holding a meeting to renew a solid waste contract without proper notice.

Investigation determined that the City Clerk did notice the emergency meeting and, in fact, specifically sent an e-mail to the complainant which, apparently, he deleted without reading. The City operates in a state of disarray, in part because of the arrest and conviction of former City Manager David Chiverton; followed by the subsequent hiring and resignation of his replacement, Yvette Harrell; followed by the hiring and firing of her replacement, Ed Brown; followed by the hiring and firing of Newall Daughtry followed by the re-hiring of Yvette Harrell, all within the space of about two years. The evidence was determined to be insufficient to establish that the emergency meeting was held as an intentional way to circumvent the Citizens' Bill of Rights. In so far as complainant alleges violations of Florida Statutes and/or of the City of Opa-locka Charter, the Ethics Commission has no jurisdiction over those matters.

On November 14, 2018, in open session, the Ethics Commission found there was no probable cause to sustain the complaint and dismissed it.

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C 18-31-07 against respondents Vincent Brown and Newall Daughtry is hereby dismissed.

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<sup>1</sup> Spiezio, who is a principal in Universal Waste, previously had the contract to provide waste hauling services to the City of Opa-locka after purchasing the contract held by Ecological Paper Recycling (Ecological). Subsequently, Spiezio's contract with the City was not renewed and two other waste hauling companies (Great Waste and Waste Management) began providing waste hauling services to the City. Spiezio is in litigation with the City over this matter.

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**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS &  
PUBLIC TRUST

By:



H. Jeffrey Cutler

Chairman

Signed on: 12/03/2018