

City Council Hopefuls Report Contributions

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The six-way Temple Terrace City Council race is being fueled with collective cash contributions of less than \$24,000, campaign finance reports show.

The latest reports council candidates must file periodically with the city clerk show that through Oct. 13, Mark Knapp has assembled the largest war chest. His contributions total \$8,250, of which \$5,000 is a campaign loan from the candidate.

Linda Shattles has contributions of \$4,565, followed by fellow incumbent Glenda Venable, with \$3,325.

Political newcomer Alison McGillivray Fernandez collected \$3,320, while Temple Terrace businessman Ken Tozier lists \$2,280 in contributions.

Incumbent Ken Halloway has campaign contributions of \$1,970, his report shows.

The top three vote-getters in the Nov. 7 council race will be elected to the five-member council, a job that pays \$200 monthly.

For the most part, the contributions are from individuals and generally less than \$100 each, reports show.

Knapp reports several contributions of \$500, the maximum allowed from a single contributor. They came from Complete Development, Thonotosassa; L&R Painting, Tampa; JGC Management, a Temple Terrace restaurant/bar; and Mark Master Inc., a family-owned company headed by City Councilman Ron Govin.

Mark Master also contributed \$500 to Shattles. She also received \$500 each from Pepin Distributing Co., Tampa; Montessori Academy of New Tampa; and Chris E. Jensen, Panama City.

Venable's war chest includes a \$1,000 loan she made to the campaign. Contributions include \$50 from state Sen. Victor Crist, R-Temple Terrace.

Venable also received \$500 each from two labor unions, Millwright & Machinery Erectors Local 1000 and Iron Workers Local 397.

Contributions to Fernandez include \$1,400 from the candidate. In-kind donations, most from the candidate, total \$1,968, primarily in the form of signs and bumper stickers.

Halloway's contributions include \$200 each from Mayor Joe Affronti and architect Grant Rimbey.

Tozier's contributions include \$500 from the candidate and a total of \$680 from three relatives. Bart Siegel, a local accountant and longtime Tozier supporter, contributed \$200.

Candidates' spending has been primarily for signs, fliers and postage, reports show.