

Jared Moskowitz Used His Political Connections To Profit From Hurricane Irma In 2017. As A Corporate Executive For A Debris Removal Company, He Went Back To His Own Hometown Of Parkland 18 Days After Irma Devastated Their Neighborhood, And Demanded A 47% Price Increase For Storm Cleanup. Parkland City Commissioners Said They Felt “Held Hostage”

In 2009, Jared Moskowitz Was Elected To The Parkland City Commission. “Moskowitz was first elected to the Parkland city commission in 2006, then reelected in 2010. In 2012, voters elected him to the State House of Representatives. As a state rep, Moskowitz helped craft the bipartisan Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act, which addressed school safety, mental health, and gun control.” (Bryan Boggiano, “Parkland Chamber Hosts Congressional Candidate Jared Moskowitz On July 13,” [Parkland Talk](#), 7/5/22)

While Serving On The Parkland City Commission, Moskowitz Joined Ashbritt, Inc. As Executive Vice President Of Business Development And General Counsel And Oversaw The Contracting/Procurement Department And Led Ashbritt's Public Policy Efforts, Including All U.S. Federal, State And Local Government Liaison Operations. “Jared Moskowitz, Esq. was Executive Vice President of Business Development and General Counsel of AshBritt, Inc. As Executive Vice President, Mr. Moskowitz oversaw the contracting/procurement department and led AshBritt's public policy efforts, including all U.S. Federal, State and Local Government liaison operations.” (News, “AshBritt Executive Joins DeSantis Leadership Team,” [PR Newswire](#), 1/15/19; Jared Moskowitz, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 7/22/26)

In 2017, Moskowitz Earned \$445,658 In Income From AshBritt, Inc. (Full And Public Disclosure Of Financial Interests, Florida Commission On Ethics, Filed 6/19/18)

PART D – INCOME		
Identify each separate source and amount of income which exceeded \$1,000 during the year, including secondary sources of income. Or attach a complete copy of your 2017 federal income tax return, including all W2s, schedules, and attachments. Please redact any social security or account numbers before attaching your returns, as the law requires these documents be posted to the Commission's website.		
☐ I elect to file a copy of my 2017 federal income tax return and all W2's, schedules, and attachments. [If you check this box and attach a copy of your 2017 tax return, you need not complete the remainder of Part D.]		
PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME (See Instructions on page 5):		
NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME EXCEEDING \$1,000	ADDRESS OF SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
Ashbritt, Inc.	565 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Bch 33441	445,658

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Moskowitz Was Reelected To His Second Term To The City Commission In November 2010 And Served Until 2012. “Jared Moskowitz, Esq. was Executive Vice President of Business Development and General Counsel of AshBritt, Inc. As Executive Vice President, Mr. Moskowitz oversaw the contracting/procurement department and led AshBritt's public policy efforts, including all U.S. Federal, State and Local Government liaison operations. Prior to joining AshBritt in 2009 he attended George Washington University, receiving his Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and then the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University, receiving his Juris Doctor. Mr. Moskowitz worked as an intern in the White House Advance Office for then Vice-President Al Gore and served as an assistant on Senator Joe Lieberman's 2004 Presidential Campaign. In 2008, Mr. Moskowitz served as one of President Barack Obama's representatives to the Electoral College in Florida. While attending law school, Mr. Moskowitz was elected to the Parkland City Commission and served as Parkland Vice-Mayor from 2006-2008. As a City Commissioner, Mr. Moskowitz supported efforts to make Parkland more eco-friendly by providing subsidies to households that purchase low-flow toilets and showerheads, energy-efficient air conditioners and hybrid cars. Mr. Moskowitz was reelected to his second term to the Parkland City Commission in November 2010 serving until 2012. In November 2012, Mr. Moskowitz ran and subsequently was elected as the State Representative for District 97, representing Coral Springs, Tamarac, Sunrise and Plantation in the Florida House of

Representatives. Mr. Moskowitz was reelected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2014 and 2016, where he currently serves. Most recently, as an alumni of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Mr. Moskowitz helped shepherd students and families affected by the recent tragedy through the Florida legislative process and passed The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Safety Act.” (News, “AshBritt Executive Joins DeSantis Leadership Team,” [PR Newswire](#), 1/15/19; Jared Moskowitz, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 7/22/26)

Hurricane Irma Contract Price Increase

18 Days After Hurricane Irma Devastated South Florida, State Representative Jared Moskowitz Personally Appeared Before The Parkland City Commission As An AshBritt Executive And Demanded A Contract Price Increase That City Staff Estimated At Nearly \$700,000, With Commissioners Saying On The Record They Felt 'Held Hostage'

On September 28, 2017, Moskowitz Was Introduced In Front Of The Parkland City Commission As Vice President Of Ashbritt Inc Where He Stated That Ashbritt Wanted To Increase The Contract Price With The City. “Mayor Hunschofsky introduced Jared Moskowitz, Vice President of Ashbritt, Inc. Moskowitz thanked the members of the Commission for allowing him to appear and speak on behalf of the Ashbritt. Moskowitz provided a brief update on the status of debris removal in Parkland, including the number of assets currently in use. This is a case of exigent circumstances, and none like we have seen before. This is the largest cleanup effort in US history, creating a feeding frenzy for debris removal equipment. The states resources have been cannibalized. He requested, based upon the market standard, to increase the contract price to \$15.00 per cubic yard. Moskowitz added, that if the market is to stabilize we can pass that savings back to the City.” (Special CCM, City Of Parkland, 9/28/17)

Moskowitz Demanded The Price Increase 18 Days After Hurricane Irma Made Landfall In Florida, Causing The Commissioners To Express Concern And The Committee Minutes State That The Commissioners “Felt As Though They Were Being Held Hostage.” “On Sunday morning, September 10th, Irma strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane as it accelerated toward the Florida Keys. The eye made landfall in Cudjoe Key as a 130 mph Category 4 at 9:10am. The center of Irma then made landfall in Marco Island at 3:35pm that afternoon as a Category 3 with 115 mph winds. The center moved into central Florida overnight and into northern Florida later on Monday as it weakened. ... Each of the Commissioners expressed their concerns regarding the increase and felt as though they were being held hostage. Moskowitz contended that he does not control the commodity, but in order for Ashbritt to keep equipment here in Parkland, the City needs to amend the contract. Bill Evans, Public Works Director, stated we are 12 days in and have picked up 47,318 cubic yards. Mayor Hunschofsky stated the trucks would only be doing one pass through the whole City, and she wants more trucks committed if they agree to the increase. Hunschofsky stated that we have our Farmers Market schedule for the beginning of November, and she wants it to happen as scheduled. Debate ensued regarding late receipt of correspondence from Ashbritt regarding the rate increase, and just prior to budget hearing held by the City Friday, September 22, 2017. Hunschofsky was upset the increase was not considered at the budget hearing because the City received the letter so late. Hunschofsky also expressed her concern about not having seen the letter or contract prior to being requested to make a decision on the increase.” (National Weather Service, “Hurricane Irma Local Report/Summary,” 9/10/17; Special CCM, City Of Parkland, 9/28/17)

5. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Discussion & Consideration: Debris Removal Contract & Request for Additional Compensation

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Vice Mayor Kagan motion to table the item until backup is provided to the members of the Commission. Motion passed unanimously, and Mayor Hunschofsky table the item providing a short recess to the Commission.

The meeting resumed at 3:17 p.m., with the Commission voting unanimously to take the item off the table.

Moskowitz stated that the tipping fee will not change. City Attorney, Andy Maurodis, stated the best of course of action is to get a list of base equipment needed to get the job done by the goal date. Hunschofsky asked that the end date by October 20, 2017.

(Special CCM, City Of Parkland, 9/28/17)

At The Time Of The Meeting, Moskowitz Was A Sitting Florida State Representative, And Had Previously Served On The City Of Parkland Commission From 2006 To 2012.

(Jared Moskowitz, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 7/22/26)

The Adjusted Rate Raised The Total Cost Of Debris Removal From \$1,481,234 To \$2,178,567, A Difference Of \$697,333. (Resolution No. 2017- 89, Passed 9/25/17; Resolution No. 2017-91, Passed 10/4/17)

City of Parkland Debris Removal Update (10/11/17)	
Debris removed from:	
Public streets, Right of Ways, Public Facilities	35,000 CY
Gated and non-gated private communities	61,184 CY
Total	96,184 CY
ESTIMATED Contract cost for removal	
@\$15.40 per CY (original rate)	\$1,481,234
@\$22.65 per CY (proposed rate)	2,178,567
Difference	697,333
ESTIMATED cost for disposal	
Pass through of tipping fees estimated at \$10/ton	\$ 115,500

(Resolution No. 2017-91, Passed 10/4/17)

On October 4, 2017, The Commission Passed Resolution 2017-91 Which Revoked The Proposed Rate Change Because Ashbritt Informed Parkland That The Conditions Had Changed Again And They Intend To Honor The Original Contract Pricing. “Ashbritt has now informed the City that conditions have changed yet again, and that Ashbritt intends to honor the original Contract and the pricing contained therein and that none of the surcharges provided for in the Amendment would be imposed and that all payments due to Ashbritt shall be based upon the original Contract.” (Resolution No. 2017-91, Passed 10/4/17)

WHEREAS, Ashbritt has now informed the City that conditions have changed yet again, and that Ashbritt intends to honor the original Contract and the pricing contained therein and that none of the surcharges provided for in the Amendment would be imposed and that all payments due to Ashbritt shall be based upon the original Contract.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above referenced "Whereas" clauses are true and correct and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby approves the revocation of the Amendment.

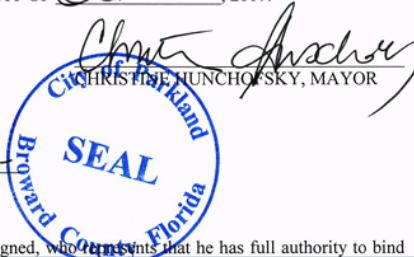
Section 3. The Amendment is therefore hereby declared void and of no force and effect "ab initio" and no pricing as set forth therein shall be applied to any work by Ashbritt. All pricing for Ashbritt's Services shall be as set forth in the original Contract.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14 DAY OF October, 2017.

ATTEST:


JENNIFER JOHNSON, CITY CLERK



Ashbritt, Inc., by and through the undersigned, who represents that he has full authority to bind

(Resolution No. 2017-91, Passed 10/4/17)

Irma Clean Up Public Scandal And Investigation

AshBritt Was Involved In Numerous Controversies Surrounding Hurricane Irma Clean-Up, Including Allegations Of Price Gouging, AshBritt Threatening To Stop Work, And Failing To Clear Debris In A Timely Manner, Despite Being Paid Tens Of Millions Of Dollars For Clean-Up

In September 2018, The Department Of Homeland Security Began An Audit Of Contracts And Funds Paid Out For Hurricane Irma Recover And Clean-Up. "The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General is conducting an audit of debris-removal contracts in the Florida Keys approved right after Hurricane Irma ransacked the island chain last year, according to a letter the agency sent to Florida Democratic House members last week. Specifically, John V. Kelly, acting inspector general, told the members of Congress in a Sept. 20 letter that his office will look into why existing storm debris removal contracts between six companies and Monroe County were set aside last September in favor of Florida Department of Transportation-picked firms that were awarded contracts with much higher emergency rates to haul debris after the Sept. 10, 2017, Category 4 storm. Kelly also stated in the letter his office will review the Federal Emergency Management Agency's oversight of debris-removal operations in Florida and Georgia following Irma." (David Goodhue, "Feds Audit Irma Debris Removal Contracts In Keys After Allegations Of Price Gouging," [Miami Herald](#), 9/24/18)

- **The Audit Was Related To Multiple Contracts Awarded To Companies For Disaster Clean-Up Following A Major Hurricane, Including AshBritt.** "Prior to Hurricane Irma, counties entered into contracts with debris removal companies. After the storm, the governor

heard from many local communities, including Monroe County, that many of these companies were not providing the agreed upon service and were demanding higher prices,' McKinley Lewis, a spokesman with the Scott administration said in a statement. 'This is unacceptable.' The existing county contracts were with six companies, including AshBritt Environmental, based in Fort Lauderdale, which is suing Monroe County and FDOT for breach [sic] of contract. The two companies that were awarded the emergency contracts were Munilla Construction Management, based in South Miami, and Community Asphalt, headquartered in Tallahassee, according to CBS 4, whose series of reports on the post-Irma debris-removal contracts sparked the letter from Wasserman Schultz and her colleagues." (David Goodhue, "Feds Audit Irma Debris Removal Contracts In Keys After Allegations Of Price Gouging," [Miami Herald](#), 9/24/18)

According To Governor Rick Scott's Office, Some Of The Contracts Were Given Out In Emergency Bids Because Of The Scale Of The Disaster. "Prior to Hurricane Irma, counties entered into contracts with debris removal companies. After the storm, the governor heard from many local communities, including Monroe County, that many of these companies were not providing the agreed upon service and were demanding higher prices,' McKinley Lewis, a spokesman with the Scott administration said in a statement. 'This is unacceptable.' (David Goodhue, "Feds Audit Irma Debris Removal Contracts In Keys After Allegations Of Price Gouging," [Miami Herald](#), 9/24/18)

AshBritt Held One Of The Pre-Negotiated Contracts With Monroe County, And Was Accused Of Breaching It's Contract With The County For Failing To Complete The Agreed Upon Cleanup. "Randy Jenkins, chairman of AshBritt, made the statement 'We are not suing you, can you understand that?' at an Oct. 18 meeting of the Monroe County Commission, where four of the five county board members voted to say that AshBritt was 'not in default' of its Hurricane Irma contract. Things changed drastically in a matter of days. Now AshBritt wants to either renegotiate its contract or just stop working in the Lower Keys. By Tuesday, County Attorney Bob Shillinger wrote to Ashbritt's lawyer in Monroe County, 'If AshBritt fails to perform now as instructed, the county would have no choice but to declare AshBritt in default of our agreement.' The feud over debris removal from the Florida Keys erupted when the Florida Department of Transportation authorized emergency contracts for other waste-hauling firms to remove trash and vegetation after Hurricane Irma struck the Keys as a Category 4 on Sept. 10. AshBritt, which had a standing contract in place with Monroe County to provide debris removal at set rates, protested that firms signed by DOT were being paid vastly higher rates than AshBritt's deal with the county." (Kevin Wadlow, "Debris-Hauling Firm Goes To Court Over Storm Deal," [Florida Keys News](#), 10/27/17)

Because Other Contractors Were Brought In On The Project, AshBritt Threatened To Stop Working Altogether. "Randy Jenkins, chairman of AshBritt, made the statement 'We are not suing you, can you understand that?' at an Oct. 18 meeting of the Monroe County Commission, where four of the five county board members voted to say that AshBritt was 'not in default' of its Hurricane Irma contract. Things changed drastically in a matter of days. Now AshBritt wants to either renegotiate its contract or just stop working in the Lower Keys." (Kevin Wadlow, "Debris-Hauling Firm Goes To Court Over Storm Deal," [Florida Keys News](#), 10/27/17)

The Monroe County Mayor Later Said "AshBritt Is Not Performing Under Terms Of The Contract." "Cleaning up the mess in the Florida Keys left by Hurricane Irma could be turning into a legal mess. A developing feud over rate payments to debris-removal firms signed under emergency contracts by the Florida Department of Transportation have complicated Monroe County's relationship with its contract hauler, AshBritt Inc. 'AshBritt is not performing under terms of the contract,' county Mayor George Neugent said Tuesday. 'Under the contract, they were supposed to have 200 trucks on the ground in this kind of situation. I suspect they're struggling to have 50.'" (Kevin Wadlow, "Country: Debris-Removal Firm Not Performing Well," [GovTech](#), 10/4/17)

During The Same Time Period, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi's Office Began Investigating AshBritt For Delays In Service And Price Gouging During Hurricane Irma Clean-Up. "Florida is investigating former District 18 congressional candidate Randy Perkins' company for 'delays and potential price increases' in cleaning up Hurricane Irma debris, according to

Attorney General Pam Bondi's news release Tuesday. The state issued a subpoena to AshBritt Inc., which has a history of price-gouging allegations, and two other companies hired by Treasure Coast governments: DRC Emergency Services and Ceres Environmental Services. The state issued subpoenas to all three for potential violations of its Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act based on complaints the companies either are performing their contracted tasks too slowly or increased their prices after the storm.” (Lucas Daprile, “Pam Bondi Investigates Randy Perkins' Ashbritt, A Hurricane Irma Debris Cleanup Company,” [TC Palm](#), 10/3/17)

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Bondi Stated That AshBritt Held Contracts With Many Municipalities In Florida, Yet Debris Still Remained After The Hurricane, Which She Called A “Threat To Public Safety.” “Several municipalities had contracted with AshBritt for debris-removal services, but Bondi says ‘debris from the hurricane remained in locations throughout Florida, threatening public safety.’ ‘Numerous concerns were raised regarding AshBritt’s failure to perform under the fixed price contracts,’ the petition states. ‘The attorney general received reports that AshBritt attempted to revise contracts by withholding performance until and unless governments paid increased rates. AshBritt’s actions imposed an unfair Hobson’s choice on local governments seeking to address the health and safety concerns of its residents.’ Believing that AshBritt violated the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act during a state of emergency, Bondi served AshBritt with an investigative subpoena on Oct. 2.” (Eva Fedderly, “Florida Politician's Company Accused Of Hurricane Price Gouging,” [Courthouse News Service](#), 10/30/17)

Following Hurricane Irma, AshBritt Also Held A Contract For Clean Up In Palm Beach County, Which Was Valued At \$12.7 Million. “A trio of disaster relief firms responded to Palm Beach County’s call to clear away debris left last year in Hurricane Irma’s wake. The firms cleaned up — and then they really cleaned up. They were paid a combined \$31.7 million for their work collecting debris, hauling it away and mulching it, according to figures from the Solid Waste Authority, which oversees garbage and recycling in unincorporated sections of the county. Phillips and Jordan, based in Knoxville, Tenn., got the lion’s share of that money, \$17.8 million. AshBritt, whose owner, Randy Perkins, made an unsuccessful run for Congress in 2016, got \$12.7 million. Bergeron Emergency Services got \$1.1 million.” (Wayne Washington, “Firms That Got \$31.7M To Clear Hurricane Irma Debris Ready For 2018,” [The Palm Beach Post](#), 6/1/18)

AshBritt Hired New Lobbyists, While Clean Up From Irma Was Still Underway. “AshBritt Environmental, a ‘rapid-response disaster recovery and special environmental services contractor’ in Deerfield Beach, has hired Ballard Partners’ namesake Brian Ballard and its Christina Daly Brodeur. Veteran influencer Ron Book also remains the company’s lobbyist, according to lobbying registration records accessed Wednesday. Daly Brodeur, formerly Secretary of Florida’s Department of Juvenile Justice under Gov. Rick Scott, joined Ballard’s firm last month. The new registration comes as the Gulf coast cleans up and starts rebuilding after category 4 Hurricane Michael ravaged it and a swath of north Florida last week.” (“Lobby Up: Hurricane Cleanup Firm AshBritt Environmental Hires Ballard Partners,” [Florida Politics](#), 10/17/18)