



City Council Agenda Item Report OCTOBER 16, 2012

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR COUNCILMEMBER INTERACTION WITH MEDIA, SPECIAL INTEREST & ADVISORY GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

1. Background/History

There has been discussion on rules of procedure with city council in interacting with media, special interest, advisory groups and individuals. In particular contacts from individuals or groups with pending business are a concern. This item was on the agenda during the City Council retreat held at Cabelas, but the item was tabled due to a time shortage. This was requested by the City Council as a future agenda item.

2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

In having new Council members, there remain questions on how this council would like to handle request and business directed toward individual councilmembers. Councilmembers get request from citizens at all times whether on potholes to their response on business coming before the City Council. Many councilmembers would prefer a discussion of the board as to have a unified understanding of how the group will respond.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

4. ACTION OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATION

City Council discussion on guidelines in handling requests from interest groups, in particular those with business pending before the Council.