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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM 97-67

From: The Clerk's Office
Date: August 06, 1997
Subject: Request For Proposals, Legal Services

The Deputy Administrator and City Clerk were charged with the responsibility of reviewing all of the proposals submitted for Legal Services and recommend the following five firms to Council;

Richard Deuser
Birch, Horton, Bitner, and Cherot
Kenneth Jacobus
McVeigh, Inc.
Preston, Gates and Ellis

Copies of all sixteen proposals submitted have been provided to the Council. Council needs to determine how they wish to proceed, the following options are presented for your consideration;

- A. Accept the selection list proposed by the review committee and;
1. establish a time frame when Council as a whole will interview the 5 finalists; and
 2. consider interview questions; and
 3. direct the Clerk to schedule interviews. Or
- B. Establish a Council review and interview committee; and
1. establish a time frame when Council as a whole will interview the 5 finalists; and
 2. consider interview questions; and
 3. direct the Clerk to schedule interviews.

*Interviews to be
scheduled for
8/27/97*

APPROVED
DATE: 8/11/97 Option A
BY: M. Darris

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

July 29, 1997

Council Members:

I had a discussion with a fellow Councilmember along with another individual. The subject was establishing a committee for the purpose of interviewing candidates for City Attorney. Apparently there is a point of view that the appointments to such a committee must be done at the Council table. There is also a point of view that these committee appointments could be established without City Council action. This may be an interpretive matter because of how the enabling motion was constructed and/or passed.

In this discussion the Councilor made it clear that as an appointed Councilor I should not be afforded the same standing as an elected Councilor. At a minimum, it was implied that as an appointed Councilmember I should not expect to be appointed to this committee.

Irrespective of how such a committee is formed, I am not and do not intend to be an obstructionist; therefore, I stand down from serving on the interviewing committee for the attorney RFP. I am confident that this committee process will produce one or more very qualified and very good attorneys.

Now, with respect to appointed vs elected. I was duly appointed and sworn in in a legally constituted public process. It is my right, and duty, to not only expect but demand the prerogatives of the office. If I do less, I am not upholding the duties and obligations of the office. If the people of this fair City expect that appointed officials to elective office, in accordance with law, should have less than a full vote on the City Council, I will respect their mandate.



K. Darlene Langill

cc: Mayor
City Attorney