

# NOTICE OF MOTION

## RELEASE OF COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE MAYOR

Mayor Reid Hamer-Jackson

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

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### PROPOSED MOTION

**WHEREAS** allegations and conflicting accounts have been raised concerning communications and interactions involving the Mayor and members of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** members of Council have repeatedly referred to a Council communication strategy, and the public is entitled to understand the complete context in which communications concerning the Mayor were developed, coordinated, or communicated;

**AND WHEREAS** the Mayor is prepared to provide his communications from the beginning of the current Council term for lawful public disclosure, and the same standard of transparency should apply equally to all participants;

**AND WHEREAS** legally protected information must remain confidential and the review must be independent of the current City Administration and free from actual or perceived bias;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Request that, within 30 days, the Mayor, every member of Council, all current or former City managers and directors, and any internal or external legal counsel retained by the City provide the independent reviewer with all records in their possession or control from the beginning of the current Council term, including emails, text or direct messages, correspondence, recordings, and notes, consisting of:
  - a. communications directly between the Mayor and any councillor;
  - b. communications between or among Council, City management, directors, and internal or external legal counsel concerning the Mayor, his statements, conduct, actions, or interactions; and
  - c. communications between or among those parties concerning any Council communication strategy relating to the Mayor;
2. Appoint, in an open meeting, an independent external reviewer who, along with their firm or organization, has not been retained by the City during the current Council term and has disclosed any potential conflicts;
3. Give the reviewer sole responsibility for receiving, reviewing, redacting, and releasing the records, with Administration limited to producing the requested records and performing legally required payment, administrative, or records-access functions;
4. Release all legally disclosable records publicly and in their complete context, with only legally required redactions, and request that each participant and the City provide any consent or authorization required for disclosure; and
5. Require the reviewer to report publicly whether each requested person or organization provided the records, certified that no records existed, or declined to participate.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this process apply equally to all participants and not permit selective disclosure by any participant.