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City Clerk

April 7, 2011

Ryan Stanton
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated April 1, 2011
11-132 Stanton

Dear Mr. Stanton:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated April 1, 2011 and received April 4, 2011. Your request for communications since March 1, 2011 from the City Attorney's Office or Tom Crawford to City Council regarding the Valiant Partners proposal is denied. Records responsive to your request are exempt from disclosure under MCL 15.243(1)(g) and/or 15.243(1)(m), as follows:

1. Information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege. MCL 15.243(1)(g)
2. Communications and notes between City staff and Council members that are of an advisory nature to the extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to a final agency determination of policy or action and for which the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies outweighs the public interest in disclosure. MCL 15.243(1)(m)

If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City's disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and damages as specified under the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Laurie Foondle, FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6140, ext. 41413.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jacqueline Beaudry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Jacqueline Beaudry
City Clerk