

RESOLUTION 2012-12-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESTON, TEXAS, RE-ENACTING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER-CITY CONSULTANT CONTACT POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Weston, Texas is a Type A general-law municipality located in Collin County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the various professional consultants employed by the City will bill the City for each consultation initiated by a City Council Member; and

WHEREAS, the City operates under a very limited budget and must carefully consider the frequency and scope of each such consultation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the most cost effective and efficient manner in which to be a good steward of the public funds is to insist that all contact, outside of a public meeting, between City Council Members and City consultants be directed through the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve this stated goal, the City Council desires to adopt a City Council Member-City consultant contact policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTON, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. COUNCIL MEMBER-MAYOR RELATIONSHIP

No single relationship is as important as that between the City Council Members and the Mayor in effectively governing the City of Weston. Consequently, the City Council Members and the Mayor must understand their respective roles in that process. The Mayor, as chief executive officer of the City, is the primary link between each City Council Member and the City's professional consultants. For this reason, each City Council Member's relationship with the consultants must be through the Mayor. Individual Council members may request information and pass along complaints and requests from citizens or on their own initiate, but those requests must be directed to the Mayor and not directly to the consultant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Council, as a body, may give direction to consultants, but only during a properly posted City Council meeting.

SECTION 2. COUNCIL MEMBER-CONSULTANT RELATIONSHIP

In furtherance of the goals detailed herein, no City consultant shall consult with, render advice or perform work for an individual Council member when that work involves the affairs of the City of Weston. Contact by and between a City consultant and an individual Council member outside of a City Council meeting risks a violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act, may result in the rendering of duplicative services and constitutes a drain on limited City funds. The City Council, as the governmental body of the City of Weston, hereby directs each of its consultants to communicate directly with the Mayor and/or City Secretary regarding City business and not with individual Council members. City consultants shall not respond to email or telephone communication from individual Council members. The failure to abide by this policy may result in termination of the consultant's services with the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, City consultants may receive direction from the City Council as a body, but only during a properly posted City Council meeting.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall be effective from and after its passage and adoption by the City Council.

RESOLVED AND ENTERED this the 11th day of December 2012.

Patti Harrington
Patti Harrington, Mayor

ATTEST:
Kay Lokey
Kay Lokey, City Secretary

