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Subject: NMB City Attorney

Dear NMB Commission Members:

Having read the recent Miami New Times article I am compelled to write.

The decision as to whether to outsource the City Attorney's office should be a decision which the Commission makes after thought and deliberation and public input. To outsource the City Attorney's office the Commission **must** find that the City will be better served by having an outside attorney/firm serve the City. A corollary of that must be that the City Commission determine that there has been a significant and substantial change in the City/the City's needs that after 92+ years it is in the City's best interest to outsource the City Attorney's office.

The Commission should not be forced into a position of outsourcing the City Attorney's office simply because the current City Attorney has failed in her duties to fully staff the City Attorney's office; the Commission should not be forced into a position of outsourcing the City Attorney's office simply because the current City Attorney did not hire assistant city attorneys, despite there being budgeted positions for assistant city attorneys; the Commission should not be forced into a position of outsourcing the City Attorney's office simply because the current City Attorney has positioned herself to be a part of the firm that has propositioned the Commission to become that outside counsel.

Given the actions of the current City Attorney the Commission should be considering whether the current City Attorney has acted adversely to the City's interests. Whether that is a question for the Ethics Commission or the Florida Bar whether she has acted adversely is a consideration for the Commission.

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