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Coordination on Communication With Kyle Moring

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Lea and Rob,
I want to touch base regarding the ongoing situation with Kyle Moring and make sure we are all aligned on how to move forward. From the outside looking in, it does appear to members of the public that Kyle is being stonewalled. Council members and I have heard this from multiple people. Even if that perception isn't accurate, it is something we need to take seriously and address directly.
Our goal is to communicate clearly and be as helpful as possible — whether we are required to or not — so we can get this behind us and demonstrate transparency as a city and as a council. I understand there may be nothing we can do that will fully satisfy Mr. Moring, but we do need to show the public that he is being heard and that we are handling this responsibly.
With that in mind, I believe we need to send Mr. Moring a formal email, and I would like it to come from Austin tomorrow 2/5/2026.
We should also consider whether this needs to be placed on an agenda so the council can discuss it openly and respond in a way that reinforces transparency. If an agenda item would help us address the public perception issue and close the loop on this, I'm open to it.
Please review and let me know your thoughts so Austin can move forward with the communication. Please have Austin copy me, the Mayor Pro Tem, and both of you.
---------- Email from Austin
Kyle,
I'm writing to confirm that we have received all of your recent emails and to clarify how communication will proceed moving forward. Because your concerns involve legal matters, all communication must go through me as the city's legal resource for this issue. City employees and council members were instructed not to communicate with you directly. This is our standard process once legal counsel becomes involved, and it is the same approach used by most cities, governmental entities, and the private sector to prevent confusion and ensure consistent, accurate responses.
Our goal is to help you get the information you need, and I want to offer some observations and suggestions that may make the process clearer and more effective.

Asbestos Oversight in Texas

All asbestos-related regulation, licensing, inspections, and enforcement in Texas fall under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Asbestos Program. Because of the highly specialized nature of asbestos regulation, **the City has no authority or control over asbestos matters**. DSHS is the sole regulatory authority.
Texas DSHS – Asbestos Program
Phone: (512) 834-6600
Email: asbestos.reg@dshs.texas.gov
If your questions involve asbestos compliance, inspections, or regulatory authority, they are the correct point of contact.

Public Information Requests (FOIA / PIA)

Your Public Information Act requests must continue to be submitted to **Candias**, the City's designated Public Information Officer. She is the correct point of contact for processing those requests.
The Public Information Act (Texas' version of FOIA) provides access to **existing public records**. It does not require the City to create new documents, conduct research, compile information, or interpret data. For that reason, requests must be specific in order to be fulfilled.
To help you receive the information you're seeking, please include:

- The exact document or type of document
- The subject or department involved
- A specific date range or timeframe

Requests such as "everything dealing with [subject]" are too broad under the statute and cannot be processed. If you need help narrowing a request, I'm available to assist.

Moving Forward

I will continue to be your point of contact for all legal and procedural questions, and Candias will continue to handle your Public Information Act requests. We are committed to being transparent and helpful as you work through your concerns.
If you need clarification on any of the information above, feel free to reach out to me directly.
Thank you,
Austin

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