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Subject: 16-113 Griselia DiGiacomo, Councilwoman, Town of Medley (Sunshine Law)

Councilwoman DiGiacomo:

You have inquired concerning the necessity to have minutes taken during informal workshops of the Council on matters coming up in front of the Council for a vote, as well as the necessity of taking minutes of shade meetings held for the purpose of union negotiations.

Any workshop meeting involving more than one member of the Town Council must be held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, F.S. 286.011, Florida Statutes, which explicitly requires that minutes be taken of such meetings and kept as public records.

Under Section 447.605, Florida Statutes, a discussion between the chief executive officer of a municipality or his or her representative, and the legislative body of the municipality is exempt from the provisions of Section 286.011, which means that the requirement for taking minutes would not be applicable to such discussions. The purpose of this exemption is to allow for confidential strategizing and informational exchange between executive and legislative branches prior to the negotiations, and does not apply to meetings among members of the legislative body alone or to the actual negotiations.

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Subject: Legal Opinion
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Good Morning Mr. Centorino,

Once again I'm seeking your legal opinion on an issue that I have tried to clarify on different occasions with our staff and still haven't gotten a clear answer. Over the past year the members of the Town of Medley Council have had several informal workshops for information and discussion on items that will eventually come in front of the Council for vote. These workshops have been published in our website but, we have not taken minutes of it.

After attending one of your seminars on sunshine, it is my understand that whenever the Council has any type of meeting or workshop on items that will potentially come up for vote, minutes have to be taken. Also, we will be having a shade meeting in a few weeks for Union Negotiations. Do we need to have minutes of this meeting too?

I would like to get your legal opinion as soon as possible to make it available to our staff.

Thank you in advance for your help and guidance on this matter.



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