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Via E-Mail Only

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Re: Appeal of Termination of Police Officer Lee Coel

Dear Attorneys Brantley and Koji:

I am receipt of your letters dated March 16, 2017 and March 21, 2017, respectively. Pursuant to the Agreed Upon Discipline and Appeals Procedure for the Officers outlined in Appendix C, Section 7(C)(4), of the current collective bargaining agreement between the City and PBA, I have elected to preside over the hearing directly. The City Attorney will provide assistance to me in my role as the hearing officer. Specifically, Jessica Farrelly of the Icard/Merrill law firm will serve as my legal advisor.

Please promptly provide several dates of availability within the next two weeks so we can coordinate and schedule the hearing. Upon confirmation of the hearing date, I will provide further correspondence requesting each party to identify all of the witnesses and documents each intends to present as evidence for my consideration at the hearing.

I look forward to receiving your dates of availability on or before Tuesday, March 28, 2017 so the hearing date and time can be confirmed.

Sincerely,

Howard Kunik

City Manager

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