



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 1, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Request by Rick Miller

Background: Since Rick Miller is an unopposed candidate for City Council, he has requested that the issue of whether Councilmembers are allowed to speak with the Mayor without violating Sunshine Laws. Mr. Miller stated that he has been working with the Mayor and council members on a number of initiatives in his capacity as Budget Committee Chair and he would like clarity on if those communications could continue.

I spoke to the City Attorney about this and the City Attorney sent an email to the Mayor regarding this issue previously. Although the City Attorney has already given an opinion on this issue, Mr. Miller is requesting Council discuss the issue and refer it to the Attorney General for an opinion to clarify this matter.

Staff Recommendation: The staff will defer to the City Attorney on a recommendation.

Suggested Motion: None suggested. Depends on what the City Attorney advises.

Alternatives: Do not seek AG opinion

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments: Rick Miller Emails
City Attorney Email