

TO: City Council
FROM: Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney
DATE: January 25, 2022
SUBJECT: Public Records and Open Government Training

1) Recommended Action:

This is a briefing only.

2) Background:

Lead Attorney Morgan Damerow and Local Government Public Records Consultant Lucy Collis of the Washington State Office of the Attorney General will provide public records and open government training. The presentation will also cover the use of private devices and social media while in office for elected officials. Morgan and Lucy will take questions during the presentation.

Washington's open government requirements are in state law. Open public records laws are in the Public Records Act at RCW 42.56. Open public meetings laws are in the Open Public Meetings Act at RCW 42.30. This presentation meets the training requirements and those in attendance will be in compliance with state law for the next four years.

3) Policy Support:

Not only will this training keep us compliant, but as part of our strategic priorities and goals, the City wants to refine and sustain a great organization, which includes ongoing and new training programs and opportunities. This also falls in line with being a learning organization and will enhance and improve City operations and services.

4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

There are no cost associated with this training.

6) Attachments:

A. PRA & OPMA Training Presentation