

CEDAR HILLS - On February 14, 2013 the Utah State Records Committee unanimously ruled in favor of the City of Cedar Hills in an appeal filed by Mr. Ken Cromar, on behalf of Cedar Hills Citizens for Responsible Government, requesting that the City provide him with privileged information supplied on legal invoices. The Committee determined that the records provided to Mr. Cromar were appropriately redacted by the City based on Utah Code.

On October 29, 2012, Mr. Cromar filed a GRAMA request asking for copies of all billings for legal services from June 1, 2011 to the date of the request. The City provided Mr. Cromar with the legal invoices after redacting all protected information based on Utah Code 63G-2-305(16 & 17), which states that protected records include records that are subject to attorney client privilege and records prepared for or by an attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, employee, or agent of a governmental entity for, or in anticipation of, litigation or a judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative proceeding. Mr. Cromar disputed the validity of the redactions and requested that the Committee require the City to provide him more information contained on the legal invoices. After hearing from both parties and reviewing both the redacted and unredacted invoices, the Committee determined that the City acted appropriately in redacting privileged information from the records provided to Mr. Cromar.

“We are pleased with the decision made by the Records Committee,” stated Mayor Gary Gygi. “We believe this marks an end to the contention between City officials and the group known as Cedar Hills Citizens for Responsible Government.”

“The City of Cedar Hills diligently fulfills all GRAMA requests,” noted City Manager David Bunker. “The City always welcomes the review of the Records Committee and is happy that it unanimously affirmed that the City fully complied with its duties.”

The official order from the Utah State Records Committee will be provided to the City and Mr. Cromar within 7 days.

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