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Via First Class Mail

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Re: Open Meeting Law Complaint, A.G. File No. 14-030
City of Yerington Governing Body

Dear Ms. Castello:

This letter is to inform you and the City of Yerington we are closing our investigation file of your Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint having found no violation of the OML.

You and I have spoken several times regarding the City's longstanding practice of including a proposed amendment to an ordinance and a bill number in the Agenda Item. You were the city clerk for 28 years and are now retired and this was your practice.

The Open Meeting Law issue was whether the agenda item proposing to amend an ordinance was clear and complete, and whether the City Code required more information to be included in the Agenda Item.

This matter was thoroughly reviewed both by our office and the Yerington City attorney. You were also part of the discussion through this office with the City attorney.

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Our office determined that because there was no requirement in Yerington City Code 1-1-5 that an agenda item include the bill number or ordinance number, the item as it appeared on the agenda met the clear and complete requirement in NRS 241.020. Therefore no open Meeting law violation.


Nevertheless, when you were the City Clerk your practice was to include the bill number and ordinance number to the agenda item for a proposed amendment to the City Code. That is still a good practice under the Open Meeting law because more information is always helpful to the public.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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