



Legislation Text

File #: 16-0437, **Version:** 1

Ethics Complaint - Event Two involving Interim City Manager Steve Hill

SUMMARY:

That on June 3, 2016 interim City Manager Steve Hill did allow his friend and sponsor Councilman Jesse Kerley to interfere with an active police investigation and to allow Councilman Kerley to berate the Police Chief and make demands of him in his presence. Mr. Hill called the City Attorney and Chief Shoap to come down to the I.T. department. When Chief Shoap arrived, Jerry Kerley and his son were contriving a story to match the edited video. The preceding part of the video was deleted to not include the aggression and stalking. Mr. Hill allowed Councilman Kerley to make demands of my arrest and to allow Councilman Kerley to make demands interfering with the investigation the Chief was making on an investigation into the protection of City Judge Ivy Garner. This action by Councilman Kerley, and enabled by Mr. Hill, was intent on knowingly causing harm to Councilman Souza. It was reported that Mr. Ridley, the City Attorney, saw what was going on and left not wanting any part of the event. Mr. Hill did act in a manner to knowingly interfere with an investigation to cause harm and thus abused his office, committing abuse of office.

City Council shall either determine that the complaint has merit, determine that the complaint does not have merit or determine that the complaint has sufficient merit to warrant further investigation. If the Council determines that a complaint warrants further investigation, it shall authorize an investigation by the City Attorney or another individual or entity chosen by the City Council. (§ 1-710 (3))

BUDGET ACCOUNT:

NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION: Determine merits of complaint