

**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE
TASK FORCE**



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ORDER OF DETERMINATION

DATE DECISION ISSUED: 9/3/2025

File No. 25060: Complaint filed by Ben Lynch against the City Attorney's Office for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21, for failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner.

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HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT

On 8/19/2025, the Complaint Committee, acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints, heard the matter.

Action: Moved by Chair Schmidt, seconded by Member Sugarman, that the Task Force has jurisdiction over the matter, that the requested records are public, and referred the matter to the Consent Agenda with a recommendation of a finding of a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.21, for a delay in the production of a response to a public records request as acknowledged by Respondent.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 – Schmidt, Sugarman, Stein

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 0 - None

On 9/3/2025, the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force held a hearing to review the recommendation from the Committee and/or review the merits of the petition/complaint.

Action: Action: Moved by Vice-Chair Stein, seconded by Member Anderson, to find that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and find that the City Attorney's Office violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance, Section 67.21, by delaying the production a response to a public records request as acknowledged by Respondent.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 – Stein, Anderson, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Pilpel, Yankee

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Hyland, Wolfe

Action: Moved by Member Pilpel, seconded by Member LaHood, to rescind the vote on the Consent Agenda.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 – Pilpel, LaHood, Schmidt, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Hyland, Wolfe

Action: Action: Moved by Vice-Chair Stein, seconded by Member Anderson, to find that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and find that the City Attorney’s Office violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance, Section 67.21, by delaying the production a response to a public records request as acknowledged by Respondent.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Sugarman, Schmidt, LaHood, Kumar, Pilpel, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Hyland, Wolfe

This Order of Determination was approved
by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
on: 10/15/2025

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