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OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2018

TO: Oroville City Council
From: Jackie Glover, Assistant City Clerk

AMENDED AGENDA PACKET MATERIALS
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1. Regular Business Item #7 - DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL INADVERTENT BROWN ACT VIOLATION

CITY OF OROVILLE
Disclosure

TO: MAYOR DAHLMEIER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Bill LA GRONE, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR

RE: DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL INADVERTENT BROWN ACT VIOLATION

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2018

DISCLOSURE:

On Friday, October 12, 2018 five members of the Oroville City Council and two Oroville residents, went to the Butte County Elections Office to check on the status of a previously reported case of possible election fraud. The fraud that was previously reported by another individual, not the Council Members, is believed to be the use of addresses within the city limits by non-city residents to gain access to vote on city issues. Some members went, as private citizens, while others went as Council Members. Council Members were there to check on the status of the prior report and at no time gave the County Clerk any direction.

The Elections Office contacted the District Attorney's Office to report the alleged voter fraud violations and ask for assistance with an investigation. The District Attorney's Office reviewed the matter and will continue to follow up on the information provided.

During the review of the matter the District Attorney's Office noticed the City of Oroville of a potential violation of the Brown Act. The potential inadvertent Brown Act violation would be a quorum of members collectively reporting an issue to the Elections Clerk of a matter that falls under the purview of the City Council.

The purpose of this disclosure is to promote transparency and ensure that any inadvertent Brown Act violation is corrected and cured. There was no action taken and no direction was given.

RECOMMENDATION

Cure and correct

Or

Direct staff to begin an investigation in coordination with County Clerk regarding possible voter fraud