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TO: North Ogden City Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jonathan Call, City Attorney
DATE: October 5, 2012
RE: Media Policy

I was asked to propose some language to the North Ogden City Media Relations Policy. This language is intended to facilitate a discussion with the Council about the Media Relations Policy. I would suggest the Council consider this language and make any changes as it sees fit to help clarify the intent of the Media Relations Policy. The proposed language below is intended to replace the current paragraph 8 and add an additional paragraph 9 in section II.

(8) Verbal/telephone requests from the media seeking an official policy or statement from the City, which are not public safety, crisis, or emergency inquiries shall be sent in writing to the CITY PIO and elected officials. Official policy responses to the media shall be sent in writing.

(9) Verbal/telephone requests from the media to any elected official seeking personal points of views are encouraged to be shared with the CITY POI as well as all elected officials. The City encourages the media to not construe such personal responses as official policy of the City. Please see section VI. of this policy for additional information on Personal Points of View.

I believe the language will help resolve some of the concerns raised during recent council meetings. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Call