

TOWN *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

FROM: Andrew McGuire, Town Attorney

DATE: June 24, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Town Attorney
Andrew McGuire, 602-257-7664

AGENDA TITLE:
Authorization of Waiving Attorney/Client Privilege – Conflict of Interest Summary

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize waiving the attorney/client privilege only with respect to the summary findings letter, dated June 23, 2021, from attorney Scott Rhodes to Town Manager Keimach, regarding his conflicts of interest investigation.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

After some Town Council Members raised concerns about possible conflicts of interest by other Town Council Members, the Town hired an outside attorney, Scott Rhodes, to evaluate the various assertions. The Town wanted to ensure that all questions of potential impropriety were taken seriously. After reviewing the materials provided by Town Council Members, Mr. Rhodes summarized his findings in a brief letter to the Town Manager. The summary letter is attorney/client privileged, and it may not be released to the public without a waiver of the attorney/client privilege by the Town Council. The waiver requested is with respect only to the letter to the Town Manager dated June 23, 2021. The requested action specifically does not include waiver of any other communications or materials related to Mr. Rhodes' work for the Town on this matter.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. Staff Report