



ORDER OF DETERMINATION  
February 28, 2014

DATE THE DECISION ISSUED  
November 6, 2013

CASE TITLE – HARTZ V. PAULA JESSON , DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY(13027)

*FACTS OF THE CASE*

Ray Hartz Jr. (Complainant) made a complaint alleging that Deputy City Attorney Paula Jesson (Respondent), for all intent & purposes, has acted in such a way as to provide legal counsel for city employees having custody of public records for purposes of denying access to the public.

*COMPLAINT FILED*

On May 1, 2013, "Complainant" filed a complaint against Paula Jesson, Deputy City Attorney, alleging violations of Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.21 (i)

*HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT*

On November 6, 2013, "Complainant", appeared before the Task Force and presented his claim. There was no representative for the "Respondent" to present a defense.

*FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW*

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Task Force finds the testimony of the Complainant to be persuasive and finds Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.21(d) and 67.21(e) to be applicable in this case.

*DECISION AND ORDER OF DETERMINATION*

The Task Force finds that Paula Jesson, Deputy City Attorney, violated Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.21 (d) and 67.21 (e) for failure to immediately order the release of records requested and for failure of a representative to appear before the Task Force. The "Respondent" shall appear before the Compliance and Amendments Committee on a date to be determined.

This Order of Determination was adopted by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on November 6, 2013, by the following vote: (Knee/David)

Ayes: Knee, Washburn, Sims, David, Hyland, Oka, Fischer, Grant

Absent: Pilpel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kitt Grant".

Kitt Grant, Chair  
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

c: Nicolas Colla, Deputy City Attorney  
Jerry Threet, Deputy City Attorney  
Ray Hartz Jr., Complainant  
Paula Jesson, Deputy City Attorney  
Gabriel Zitrin, Deputy City Attorney