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# ORDER OF DETERMINATION January 4, 2010

DATE THE DECISION ISSUED
December 1, 2009

ANMARIE MABBUTT v. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARK (09070)

#### **FACTS OF THE CASE**

Anmarie Mabbutt said she wanted to listen to a digital recording of a Recreation and Park Commission meeting and asked the department for the link and certain emails, none of which was provided.

#### **COMPLAINT FILED**

On October 21, 2009, Anmarie Mabbutt filed a complaint with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

#### HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT

On December 1, 2009, Complainant Anmarie Mabbutt presented her claim to the Task Force. The Respondent Agency was represented by Olive Gong, who is the Custodian of Records.

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Ms. Mabbutt told the Task Force that the department responded to her request by saying the audio recording was not available online but she was welcome to visit McClaren Lodge to listen for free.on a playback device. That offer does not provide the public with access stipulated in the Ordinance, she said. For example, asking an elderly or a disabled person who wants to listen to a recording of a meeting to visit McLaren Lodge is not acceptable, she said. In her case, she said, the department's policy forces her to hire a babysitter every time she wants to listen to an audio recording. Ms. Gong admitted that the audio files are not online. On the emails, she said she provided the information to the department's information technology officer and forwarded to Ms. Mabbutt all the emails he produced. Ms. Mabbutt said the department has not provided emails regarding a certain Terry Schwartz.

#### ORDER OF DETERMINATION

#### **DECISION AND ORDER OF DETERMINATION**

The Task Force finds that the agency violated Section 67.14 (c) of the Sunshine Ordinance for not making available audio recording available in digital form at a centralized location on the City's web site. The agency was told to attend the January 12, 2010, Compliance and Amendments Committee to report on if and when the department intends to come into compliance with Section 67.14 (c) regarding the audio posting requirement and on whether the department's information technology officer produced the Terry Schwartz-related emails.

This Order of Determination was adopted by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on December 1, 2009, by the following vote: (Craven-Green / Goldman) Ayes: Craven-Green, Washburn, Knoebber, Goldman, Chan, Knee Excused: Cauthen, Manneh Johnson, Chu, Chan, Williams

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c: Jerry Threet, Deputy City Attorney Anmarie Mabbutt, Complainant Olive Gong, Respondent