

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee / Rapid City Council

FROM: Robert Ewing, Chairman
Ad Hoc Security Guard Review Task Force

DATE: September 14, 2011

At the direction of the City Council at its August 15, 2011, meeting, the Ad Hoc Security Guard Review Task Force held a public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2011, regarding the proposed changes to the security guard ordinance. No members of the public appeared at the hearing. We did, however, receive an e-mail prior to the hearing from Dennis Laughlin with Black Hills Corporation setting forth a concern they had with the definition of "security activity". They have clerical positions where the receptionist is in a position to watch the lobby and grant access to those individuals who have a need for access. He was requesting that a sentence be included in this definition to exclude persons whose primary responsibilities are clerical in nature and who monitor and grant access to business offices. The task force discussed this, and it was their determination that this type of activity does not fall within the definition of "security activity". The requested exclusion would not be necessary and could have unintended consequences.

We are again attaching to this memo for your consideration a draft of the proposed changes to the ordinance that have been approved by the Task Force. The one item that was not unanimously approved appears in Section 5.52.090(B)(2). The Committee requests the City Council give consideration as to whether or not that language should be included in that section.

