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PRESS AVAILABILITY

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTS CITY COUNCIL TO FREEZE PAYMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE'S BILLS

PRESS AVAILABILITY:

City Attorney Michael Aguirre will brief the news media about his recommendation to freeze payment of the Audit Committee's bills (Kroll Inc., and Willkie, Farr & Gallagher) until they meet specific conditions such as providing a detailed invoice for all of their services from the start of their original engagement to the present. The Audit Committee is requesting an additional \$3 million. The original agreement was not to exceed \$250,000. The City Council will be hearing this matter next Tuesday-Item S-500. This morning, a memorandum was hand-delivered to the Deputy Mayor and City Council outlining the City Attorney's recommendation.

In February 2005, the City hired Kroll to evaluate the findings of separate investigations performed by Vinson & Elkins law firm and the San Diego City Attorney related to the City's financial disclosure practices and the City's employees' pension system which is more than \$1.7 million in the hole.

DATE AND TIME:

Today at 12 Noon

LOCATION:

City Attorney's Office
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620
Downtown San Diego

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