STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON ETHICS

COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281.511(3)

COMMISSION PANEL:

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF MICHAEL CARRIGAN, Councilman City of Sparks

Request for Opinion Nos. 06-61, 06-62, 06-66 & 06-68

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On May 23, 2007, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission Panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendation Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion, and all related documents.

Pursuant to NAC 281.194, a finding by a panel that no just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion on an ethics complaint must be unanimous. This Panel's vote was split as to finding no just and sufficient cause on the allegation that Mr. Carrigan violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(2). Accordingly, this matter is referred to the Ethics Commission for a hearing.

The Panel determined that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion regarding whether Mr. Carrigan violated:

- NRS 281.501(4), at the August 23, 2006 meeting of the Sparks City Council, by failing to sufficiently disclose his personal and business relationships, with Carlos Vazquez, a consultant and spokesperson for Red Hawk Land Company, at the time the council was considering approval of Red Hawk's proposed development of a resort known as the "Lazy 8 Ranch."

- NRS 281.501(2), also at the August 23, 2006 meeting of the Sparks City Council, by acting on the on the Lazy 8 Ranch matter.

The Panel also determined that just and sufficient cause does not exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Mr. Carrigan

violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(1) at the August 23, 2006 meeting of the Sparks City Council. That allegation is dismissed.

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, REFERRED TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS. A hearing on this matter is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Boardroom of the Regional Transportation Commission, 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno, Nevada.

DATED: May 29, 2007

L. Patrick Hearn, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Las Vegas, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in an envelope and deposited same to be delivered via Federal Express overnight delivery, addressed as follows:

Michael Carrigan
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Dated: May 29, 2007

An employee of the
Nevada Commission on Ethics