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MEDIA RELEASE – ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE FINDS NO VIOLATION BY CITY COUNCIL ALLOWING FORMER CITY MANAGER RUSSELL’S CONTRACT TO LAPSE.

DOUGLAS, AZ (November 7, 2019) The Office of the Arizona Attorney General, Criminal Division has concluded their review of the request by the City to examine a Council action to see if a Charter violation occurred as it pertained to an action taken against former city manager Jim Russell.

In January 2019, a majority of City Council allowed the City Manager's contract to lapse without renewal. Some members of the community questioned whether that violated the City Charter. It did not according to the Arizona Attorney General's Office. The AG's findings of no violation are in the letter as follows.



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**OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

November 05, 2019

Juan Pablo Flores
425 10Th St
Douglas, AZ 85607

RE: Complaint #2019-1339

Dear Juan Pablo Flores:

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of the aforementioned complaint. Based on a review of the information provided to our office, it has been determined that this office will not initiate a criminal investigation in this matter. Based on the documents provided, there was no requirement for a supermajority vote of the council to not renew the city manager's employment contract.

The information you have provided has been logged and will remain on file per the record retention laws of Arizona.

Sincerely,

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