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Staff Report

ITEM NO. 7

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Jeff Briltz, City Manager
Date: January 10, 2007
Subject: City Attorney Conflict of Interest Waiver

Discussion:

Attached you will find a memorandum from City Attorney Cantú Montoy outlining her firm's Probate Departments pre-existing relationship with Council Member Hornsby. As outlined in the memo Ms. Cantú Montoy was appointed City Attorney effective November 1, 2006 before Ms. Hornsby was elected to the City Council. Since Ms. Hornsby was not a member of the Council at the time of Ms. Cantú Montoy's appointment, a conflict of interest check was not completed concerning Ms. Hornsby.

Dowling, Aaron & Keeler's Probate Departments' representation of Ms. Hornsby related solely to a probate matter concerning her deceased father. The firm's opinion is that the simultaneous representation does not constitute a conflict of interest, since the firm's representation has related solely to a probate matter, and does not involve any areas related to City issues.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That Council formally waive any Conflict of Interest between Council and the City Attorney's office, Dowling, Aaron & Keeler.