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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 10153
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Baudino:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Bloomington (City) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). On October 1, 2010, [REDACTED] requested all documents related to case number 10 OV 1532. The City asserts that some of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

Determination

We have determined that the City’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA with regard to these records is approved. The City has explained that these records are hand-written notes which contain recommendations and opinions and which were used to formulate actions. The City asserts that none of these records has been publicly cited or identified by the Mayor. Thus, the City has met its initial burden of showing that these records are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f).

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Should you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Sarah Kaplan at (312) 814-2086.
This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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