
**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
New Item for Review and Consideration**

Meeting Date: 10/13/2016
Agenda Item: 4B2

Issue Description: Penalty for “Knowing Material Misrepresentations” to City Council.

Presented by: Councilmembers Kolby Granville and David Schapira

What are you looking to accomplish? Review other jurisdictions and propose City Code change making it a penalty (to be determined by the committee) for a person to make a “knowing material misrepresentation” to the Tempe City Council.

Background Information: From time to time, it appears that individuals, either representing themselves, or representing others, make statements to City Council which they clearly know to be incorrect. This may cause Councilmembers to rely on this incorrect information and vote in a way they would not otherwise vote.

What stakeholders should be engaged with this process? Developers, Residents, and Neighborhood Chairs.

Anticipated Timeframe and Staff Resources: 5-7 hours. City Attorney for potential wording.

The Tempe City Council is committed to:

- 1. Ensuring a safe and secure community through a commitment to public safety and justice.*
- 2. Developing and maintaining a strong community connection by emphasizing the importance of open government, customer service and communication with community members.*
- 3. Enhancing the quality of life for all Tempe residents and workers through investment in neighborhoods, parks, the arts, human services, and city amenities, with an emphasis on equity and diversity.*
- 4. Implementing sustainable growth and development strategies, including improving Tempe's public transit system to meet future needs, by actively seeking innovative technologies and leading the way in creating a more sustainable community.*
- 5. Maintaining long term financial stability and vitality by focusing on economic development, business retention and generating employment to create a robust and diverse economic base.*