



March 12, 2010

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City Council Members  
FR: Mayor Zimmer  
CC: M. Kates, Corporation Counsel, B. Forbes, Community Development Director, J. Maier, Environment Services Director, J. Tripodi, State Fiscal Monitor.  
RE: Issues Related to March 17 City Council meeting

**Release of terms of MOU:**

Per the attached memo from Scarinci & Hollenbeck, the decision as to when and whether to publicly release the proposed MOUs is a decision that should be made by the City Council at Wednesday's meeting.

**Redevelopment Counsel Selection:**

Hoboken needs the best redevelopment counsel possible to represent the interests of our City. As the attached memorandum from Community Development Director Forbes explains, it is very important that the City Council select redevelopment counsel to provide guidance on some urgent projects. Director Forbes and Michael Kates, Corporation Counsel, completed the review process for redevelopment counsel.

During our weekly community development meetings Director Forbes and Mr. Kates proposed their recommendations for McManimom & Scotland, Maraziti, Falcon & Healy, and Ansell, Zaro, Grimm & Aaron.

After hearing their recommendations, I informed them, and I want to advise the Council, that McManimon & Scotland provided legal counsel to me when I faced a legal challenge from Chris Campos in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward election in 2007.

While their prior representation played no role whatsoever in the selection process, I wanted to inform the Council of this relationship prior to your vote on the matter.

**Maser Engineering Contract:**

This contract has been removed from the agenda while the Administration evaluates any potential pay-to-play violations.