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**Subject:** minutes corrections

Dear Christine: there are a few corrections to the minutes and, since i cannot be at the nov. meeting, i would like this to serve as a motion to amend the minutes. I know from experience the difficulty of contemporaneous recording of minutes but there are a few items that need elucidation/correction:

First, as to the minutes of the September meeting, i did not state that i was "not happy" with the outcome. I requested that the record reflect that there was much discussion which did not result in the "comfort" of all commissioners, as characterized by the media. Also, it would be my hope that our meetings not be concluded with broad generalizations on behalf of all participating. Finally on this point, I did not question the legality of the contract at issue. I stated clearly that I did not, on behalf of the Commission, seek to arrogate power beyond that which is provided in our Ordinance. As we had not been provided the entire contract as requested, I sought clarification of the terms of that contract.

As to the discussion re the Folio article, on page 2 of the minutes, I request that the minutes reflect that i did not "want to know about discussions between OGC and its clients". I am an attorney and am fully cognizant of the Attorney-Client privilege. Rather, I stated that I had received questions from citizens about the content of that article and its multiple ethical implications if the assertions alleged therein were true. An explanation of the article's content would be helpful to the general public and would be evidence of the Ethics Commission's concern about what to many, appeared to be a disregard for public records laws and ethics. It was not until J. Phillips stated that the OGC would be unable to discuss advice to clients that the privilege issue was raised, and I simply responded that if OGC asserted that the privilege would preclude explanation to the public, that the record would at least reflect the Commission's responsiveness to our citizens. Again, I did not state that I wanted to know the legal advice given to clients. The minutes did, however, clearly and accurately state that I moved to ask OGC or his representative to discuss the the Folio accusations and the City's public records policy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Patt \_\_\_\_\_

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> Attached for your review please find the minutes of the Hotline Sub-Committee and the Ethics Commission meeting of October 20th.  
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> There will not be a meeting this Friday; however, the hope is that we can get a lunch meeting scheduled to process of few things prior to the regular meeting in November, i.e., the resolution that Carla forwarded earlier (proposed legislation to eliminate 602.703) and the hotline cases. (This would save time at the regular November meeting). The dates we are looking at for the lunch meeting are November 13, 14th and 17th. Please send me

your availability asap.

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