

Email from Council Member Adam Benefield to Mayor Shane Saum, City Manager Charles West, and City Attorney Brad Bullock, November 22, 2025

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Subject: Criminal Investigation - Paul Roberts

Mr. Bullock, Mr. West, and Shane,

I am writing to bring forward serious concerns regarding potential criminal violations arising from actions taken by former Councilmember Paul Roberts while he was in office.

I had previously raised some of these issues, but I have now identified additional information that, in my view, significantly strengthens the basis for concern:

A text message that directly supports the claims I have described;

Admissions made by Mr. Roberts during Executive Session, which I am prepared to describe in detail; and

My own personal experiences and observations, which I am willing to testify under oath.

Based on this combination of documentary evidence, executive-session statements, and firsthand experiences, I believe Mr. Roberts' conduct may go beyond ethics or Charter violations and into potential criminal territory, particularly with respect to the handling and disclosure of confidential and executive-session information.

At this point, I would like to move forward toward a criminal investigation as soon as possible. To that end, I respectfully request:

That an item be placed on an upcoming agenda for Executive Session under Texas Government Code § 551.071 so Council may consult with the City Attorney regarding these potential criminal issues and any related reporting or referral obligations; and

That, following that consultation, the City Attorney provide a recommendation on formally referring the evidence to the appropriate prosecuting authority (e.g., the County or District Attorney, or other law enforcement agency) for a criminal investigation.

In preparation for that Executive Session, I am prepared to execute a sworn statement detailing the incidents, provide the supporting text message, and supply any additional documentation you may need to fully evaluate the situation.

Please let me know what materials you would like me to prepare and the preferred manner and timing for transmitting them.

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