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July 8, 2025

Via electronic mail
Mr. Eric Olsauskas
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RE: OMA Request for Review – 2025 PAC 87255

Dear Mr. Olsauskas:

This determination is issued pursuant to section 3.5(b) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA).¹ For the reasons explained below, the Public Access Bureau has determined that no further action is warranted in this matter.

In your Request for Review, completed on June 13, 2025, you allege that a majority of a quorum of members of the City Of Marseilles (City) City Council (Council) "communicated with one another individually and in sequence"² outside of an open meeting concerning the purchase of certain property and the hiring of professional firms. You also assert that certain members of the Council drafted "ordinances intended to curtail public comment or criticism of city leadership," which you contend the Council did not discuss "publicly prior to their advancement and appear aimed at silencing a vocal minority of residents and city stakeholders."³

Section 3.5(a) of OMA⁴ provides:

A person who believes that **a violation of this Act** by a public body has occurred may file a request for review with the

¹5 ILCS 120/3.5(b) (West 2024).

²E-mail from Eric Olsauskas to Public Access Counselor (June 8, 2025).

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⁴5 ILCS 120/3.5(a) (West 2024).

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Public Access Counselor established in the Office of the Attorney General **not later than 60 days after the alleged violation**. If facts concerning the violation are not discovered within the 60-day period, but are discovered at a later date, **not exceeding 2 years after the alleged violation**, by a person utilizing reasonable diligence, the request for review may be made within 60 days of the discovery of the alleged violation. The request for review must be in writing, must be signed by the requester and must include a summary of the **facts supporting the allegation**. (Emphasis added.)

Your Request for Review does not provide sufficient facts supporting your allegation that a majority of a quorum of the members of the Council held meetings that did not comply with OMA in the past 60 days. For example, your correspondence to this office mentioned that you believe communications between Council members related to the property purchase took place in March 2023, which occurred more than two years before you submitted your Request for Review, and you did not provide any other information about when and where you believe any other gatherings occurred or how it is known to you that these alleged events transpired.

Your allegations related to the Council's advancement of an ordinance aimed at restricting public comment are similarly vague. To start, you do not provide any information about the ordinance in question, such as the specific terms of the ordinance or the behavior or procedures that the Council sought to limit, or have limited, with respect to public participation during meetings. Further, your Request for Review does not give details about when you believe certain members of the Council drafted the ordinance nor does it allege that the Council failed to take action openly in connection with the ordinance. Because your submission does not contain a sufficient summary of facts to indicate that the Council violated OMA, this office has determined that no further action is warranted in this matter.

This file is closed. If you have OMA questions, you may contact me at the Chicago address listed at the bottom of the first page of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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