## Piccolo, Mike

**From:** Riedinger, Rebecca
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 2:27 PM
**To:** Piccolo, Mike
**Subject:** FW: Request for Advisory Opinion to Ethics Committee

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**From:** Twohig, Kyle
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 2:23 PM
**To:** Riedinger, Rebecca
**Subject:** RE: Request for Advisory Opinion to Ethics Committee

Rebecca,
Here is a summary of the issue I would like to bring forward to the Ethics Committee. Can you please send me the time, date, and location for the meeting?

Engineering Services is asking to consider a violation to the Ethics Committee with regard to SMC 1.04.030 and hiring a former City employee via personal services contract that has retired within the past 12 months.

We have an opportunity to hire a recently retired Senior Engineer, Steve Hansen, from the City to help us manage consultant contracts that were recently added to the Engineering Services workload after the vote of the Street Levy. Engineering does not have capacity to design or manage the construction of two additional projects that have been deemed critical to construct in 2015. Engineering solicited local engineering firms via RFQ to provide these services on the upcoming Rowan and Indiana projects. However, there is also need for someone to manage these consultant contracts on behalf of the city. The services needed include submittal review, provide staff updates, review invoices for payment, keep consultant on schedule, review and approve change orders, insure punch list is in place and record drawings received and property formatted.

The duties described are not the primary role for the Senior Engineer. The Senior Engineer position leads a team of design technicians to produce plans, specification, and estimates for a variety of capital improvement projects. Consultant management is an occasional and minor duty assigned to some engineers at various levels. For reference, there are 3 design teams in Engineering, and there is often 1 project per year requiring consultant oversight.

This is a major opportunity for the City of Spokane to both save a large sum of money, and also extend our capacity in order to meet the expectations communicated to the voters with regard to delivering the first year of street levy projects. We have someone available that has proposed pricing that is very competitive when compared to the open market. Best of all, the knowledge attained from designing projects over the past many years will make him far more valuable than anyone we could hire from a consulting firm. Being able to rely on someone with City experience will alleviate a tremendous amount of oversight on the staff end, and ensure that someone is managing these consultant contracts with the City of Spokane's best interests in mind.

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**From:** Riedinger, Rebecca
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