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## **City of North Myrtle Beach Response to Questions Regarding Mr. Randy Fisher and Alleged Recordings**

The City of NMB has been asked by *The Sun News* to comment on alleged excerpts of conversations secretly recorded by Randy Fisher, a former public safety officer. The City has not been provided with, has not reviewed, and therefore cannot comment on any of the alleged recordings. In fact, other than the scant, piecemeal information *The Sun News* has elected to disclose, the City has no knowledge of what might be on the alleged recordings. The City does not record conversations with employees and therefore, has no recordings of its own. Moreover, Mr. Fisher's recorded conversations must be viewed in context with other conversations he has had – recorded or not – as well as other relevant facts. The City will not respond to questions posed by *The Sun News* without access to all relevant information.

The City has a written procedure for employees to use if they believe they have not been treated in accordance with City policy. Moreover, if an employee believes a matter violates the law and believes the matter cannot be resolved internally, he should direct his concerns to the appropriate outside authority, e.g. the Solicitor, SLED, the Attorney General, or the U.S. Attorney so that the matter can be properly investigated. As a public safety officer, Mr. Fisher certainly was aware of these avenues.

Mr. Fisher failed to utilize the City's internal grievance procedure prior to his resignation. Additionally, the City has received no notice from any outside law enforcement agency that City employees or officials are being investigated. Instead, and only after his employment with the City ended, Mr. Fisher elected to take these alleged recordings to a member of the media.