

## Lawyer: Please keep Allred's work private

EAGLE – The city's hiring of consultant Keith Allred to interview various groups to discern their positions toward foothills development came under scrutiny last week. Attorney Joanne Butler, representing M3 Eagle, asked the City Council on August 28th not to make consultant Keith Allred's work available to the public.

"We've been working (on this project) for 30 months and need the process rigidly adhered to, not the random polling of individuals who have not attended the hearing process. We don't know who's making the statements."

Council member Stan Bastian said, "We engaged Keith because we wanted the citizens of the community to have the facts. We charged him to find out what each group's perspective is so we could inform the public and provide balance."

Butler said "that's a laudable goal, but after spending three hours with Mr. Allred, we prefer that his 20-page document not be made available to the public."

Council member Scott Nordstrom said, "The challenge of the foothills is a very complicated issue that's never been tackled before. The intent was, we wanted a running baseline and put it out there to counter misinformation, e.g., that we're planning a five-lane road through the city" from the foothills.

The council appeared sympathetic to Butler's position but made no commitment to withhold it from the public.