

BOARD OF ETHICS HEARING PANEL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023, 6 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENTS IN PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair De Herrera, Members Vega, Member Huerta, DeMont, Newman, and Alternate Member Foreman

ABSENT: Member Foley

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Clerk Eva Arseo, and Assistant City Attorney Wilson

PARTIES PRESENT: Complainant Jenn Larratt-Smith

Chair DeHerrera called the meeting to order 6:05 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Taylor Keen, Aaron Bushong, and Jerry Shearer spoke regarding the complaint process. Gaby Mendez spoke regarding the complaint evidence.

Member Foley joined the meeting at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER CONDER'S PUBLIC COMMENT

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Newman and seconded by Member Foley to read Councilmember Conder public comments into the record. The motion carried with Chair DeHerrera, Members Foley, and Newman voting aye, and Members Vega and DeMont voting no.

CODE OF ETHICS COMPLAINT PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Chair De Herrera opened the pre-hearing conference proceedings on the Code of Ethics and Conduct complaint filed by Jenn Larratt-Smith against Councilmember Conder alleging a violation of Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060(M) *Violation of federal, State, or local law prohibited* in September 2021 and on November 9, 2021, February 24, 2022, May 18, 2022, August 18, 2022, and September 7, 2022.

Following review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct complaint filed by Jenn Larratt-Smith against Councilmember Conder alleging a violation of Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060(M) *Violation of federal, State, or local law*

prohibited, it was moved by Hearing Panel Member Foley and seconded by Hearing Panel Member Vega to determine that the complainant has failed to show that it is more likely than not that there may be a potential violation of the prohibited conduct in regard to Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060(M) *Violations of federal, State, or local law prohibited*. The motion carried.

Chair De Herrera instructed the City Clerk to prepare a Statement of Findings of the Hearing Panel stating there was no evidence presented in the record of any violation of Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060 (M) *Violation of federal, State, or local law prohibited as a violation of State of Federal law requires a conviction*. The complaint was dismissed.

The hearing panel adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



EVA ARSEO
Assistant City Clerk