

## MINUTES

### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

City of Riverside

Friday, February 19, 2016, 3 p.m.

Art Pick Council Chamber

PRESENT: Chair Melendrez, Vice Chair Gardner, and Member Davis

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Nicol, Kristi Smith, Marianna Marysheva-Martinez, Bob Hansen, Cheryl-Marie Hansberger, and Josh Maher

ALSO PRESENT: Karen Wright, Doris Wright, Chris Manning, Kathleen Barth, Virginia Blumenthal, Alysia Webb, Katie Greene, Jennifer Vaughn-Blakely, Leni Zarate, Erin House, Deborah Macias, Jason Hunter, Vivian Moreno, Dave Stahovich, Elio Palacios, and others

Chair Melendrez called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT - BOARD OF ETHICS**

Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Gardner and seconded by Member Davis recommending that the City Council (1) introduce and subsequently adopt an Ordinance adopting a revised Code of Ethics and Conduct; (2) introduce and subsequently adopt an Ordinance creating a Board of Ethics; (3) repeal Resolution No. 22461; (4) refer the question regarding the need for a Charter amendment to outside counsel for an independent opinion; and (5) thank the members of the Code of Ethics and Conduct Ad Hoc Committee for their diligence, commitment, and comprehensive work. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CHARTER AMENDMENT TO INCREASE COUNCILMEMBER SALARY**

Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Gardner and seconded by Member Davis (1) recommending that the City Council adopt resolutions proposing an amendment to Charter Section 403 to allow for the increase in 2016 of the compensation of the City Council to 80% of the Mayor's salary and placing the measure on the June 7, 2016, ballot; (2) recommending that the City Council consider designating the Mayor and/or Members of the City Council to author the argument in favor of the measure; and (3) requesting the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**


Karen Wright spoke regarding City Council salary and benefits. Jason Hunter spoke regarding the June election Charter amendments, the Code of Ethics, and Board and Commission direct submittal of agenda items. Vivian Moreno spoke regarding the June election Charter amendments and the Agricultural Park.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION  
AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no future items requested at this time.

The Governmental Affairs Committee adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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COLLEEN J. NICOL  
City Clerk