

GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES COMMITTEE

MINUTES



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024, 9:00 A.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

City of Arts & Innovation

PRESENT: Vice Chair Perry and Member Conder

ABSENT: Chair Falcone

STAFF PRESENT: Rafael Guzman, Ruthann Salera, and Eva Arseo

ALSO PRESENT: Board of Ethics Chair Vega and Members Hernandez and Dr. Benson

Vice Chair Perry convened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the committee.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Perry and seconded by Member Conder to forward the Board of Ethics proposed revisions to the Code of Ethics and Conduct for City Council consideration to (1) amend Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) section 2.78.060.M. Violations of Federal, State, or Local Law Prohibited to read “M. Violations of local law prohibited. No public official of the City of Riverside shall intentionally or repeatedly violate the Charter of the City of Riverside, the Riverside Municipal Code, or any established policies of the City of Riverside affecting the operations of local government”; (2) add RMC section 2.78.060.N. Convictions of Federal or State Laws affecting their office prohibited. No public official of the City of Riverside shall be convicted of a violation, or enter a plea of no contest, of any state or federal law that affects the performance of their duties in the office that they hold.”; and (3) amend RMC section 2.78.080.O, under Hearing procedures, to read “All findings shall be approved by a majority vote of the hearing panel and recorded by the City Clerk. The hearing panel may approve such findings at the conclusion of the hearing and direct the City Clerk to prepare the statement of findings or designate members of the hearing panel to prepare the statement of findings to include recommendations for sanctions.” The motion included to no changes to sections (a) RMC 2.78.070.E regarding statute of

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limitations; (b) RMC 2.780.90.A regarding appeals of pre-conference decisions; and (c) RMC 2.78.090.B regarding sanctions as proposed by the Board of Ethics. Furthermore, the request by the Board of Ethics for authority to compel the appearance of a City representative in response to a filed complaint was referred back to the Board of Ethics for further discussion. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Falcone absent.

COMMUNICATIONS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There were no legislative updates given at this time.

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

There were no future items requested at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA ARSEO

Assistant City Clerk