

OUTSIDE COUNSEL REPORT REGARDING CITY COUNCIL AGAINST COUNCILMEMBER CONDER COMPLAINT

Following discussion and without formal motion the Board received and ordered filed a report by outside counsel Lena Wade of Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney, LLP, regarding the complaint filed by the City Council against Councilmember Conder.

AUTHORITY AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL IN LIEU OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board received and ordered filed a report on use of outside legal counsel to advise the Board of Ethics and its hearing panels on specific matters at its discretion for future Board meetings in accordance with Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.040.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON VALIDATION PROCESS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO VET POLICY PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENT OF COMPLAINT AFTER FILING

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Huerta and seconded Member Vega to accept the proposed amendments to Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.070 as set forth in the Committee report regarding amendments to complaints after filing and requested staff return to Board of Ethics with language recommendation clarifying if acceptance of an amended complaint is considered a continuance. The motion carried with Vice Chair Stahovich and Member Graham absent.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT AND CHAPTER 2.80 BOARD OF ETHICS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Huerta and seconded Member Foley to accept the proposed amendments to Riverside Municipal Code Sections 2.78 and 2.80 for submittal to the City Council Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee for the annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct report with the addition that a pre-hearing is not required for a de novo re-hearing. The motion carried with Vice Chair Stahovich and Member Graham absent.

BOARD OF ETHICS STANDING RULES REVIEW

Chair Nelson reported and requested further review of the Board of Ethics Standing Rules regarding the nomination and appointment process of members to hearing panels in accordance with Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.80.040 Powers and Duties.