

CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT
REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015, 6 P.M.
MAYOR'S CEREMONIAL ROOM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Blumenthal; Members Stahovich, Vaughn-Blakely, Macias, House, Palacios, and Webb; and Voting Alternates Greene, Barth, and Sayavong

ABSENT: Members Zarate, Manning, and Pacheco

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Nicol, Bob Hansen, and Lorena Verduasco

Chair Blumenthal convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no oral comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Webb and seconded by Member House to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2015, as presented. Motion carried with Members Stahovich, Vaughn-Blakely, and Greene abstaining.

REVIEW OF DRAFT RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Recommended revisions to the current Code of Ethics Resolution will be presented to the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee for a recommendation to the City Council to adopt an ordinance codifying the Code of Ethics and Conduct as revised. Assistant City Attorney Hansen reviewed the draft ordinance adopting Chapter 2.80 of the Riverside Municipal Code establishing a Code of Ethics and Conduct. Following discussion and without formal motion, the following amendments to the draft ordinance were agreed upon by the Committee:

1. Scope, second paragraph, amend final sentence to read, "However, the provisions of this Code shall apply to appointed officials only while they are acting in their official capacities and in the discharge of their duties, or affecting the discharge of their duties."
2. Implementation. "Code" shall be changed to "Chapter" throughout.
3. Implementation. Paragraph E. Amend to read, "The chair of each board, commission or committee covered by this Code is responsible to provide appropriate guidance to members of their respective bodies and, if need be, communicate concerns to the Board of Ethics."

4. Prohibited Conduct. Paragraph L will be discussed further at the next meeting regarding exclusion from negotiating for employment with a third party that has a matter pending before the City Council to clarify if the behavior should be prohibited or if the official should recuse themselves from participation in the matter.
5. Prohibited Conduct. Paragraph M. Member Greene will draft language for Committee consideration to replace “quasi-judicial” with terms more easily understood by the public.

Discussions at the by next meeting will begin with complaint procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Webb and seconded by Member House to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Blumenthal adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk