

# City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DA

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2016

FROM:

MIKE SOURBIROUS, MAYOR PRO TEM

**WARDS: ALL** 

SUBJECT: PENDING CODE OF ETHICS COMPLAINTS

### **ISSUE**:

The item for City Council consideration is scheduling of Code of Ethics and Conduct pending complaints.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council direct the City Clerk to convene hearing panels pursuant to the current Code of Ethics and Conduct for the two pending complaints.

## **BACKGROUND**:

On September 23, 2014, during the annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct, the City Council appointed a nine-member ad hoc committee with representation from each Ward to review the Code and forward recommendations on the complaint process to the Governmental Affairs Committee. Further, at the same meeting, the City Council stayed the Code of Ethics and Conduct complaint process pending further action by the City Council.

The ad hoc committee has completed its work and a report will be presented to the Governmental Affairs Committee in the coming months for a recommendation to the City Council. The ad hoc committee discussed pending complaints and unanimously recommends the two current complaints be processed under the existing Code of Ethics and Conduct without further delay. Officials subject to the Code can only be held accountable to the Code provisions in place at the time the complaints were filed. As such, the complaints must also be processed as specified in the current Resolution.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments: Resolution No. 22461