



# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

## Board Memorandum

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**DATE:** JULY 24, 2017

**ITEM NO:** 8

**SUBJECT:** REVIEW OF CITY OF RIVERSIDE CODE OF ETHICS

**ISSUE:**

The issue for Board of Public Utilities consideration is to review and discuss the City's Code of Ethics to determine if there are any recommendations to be submitted to the City Council's Governmental Affairs Committee and the City's Board of Ethics for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Public Utilities review and discuss the City's Code of Ethics to determine if there are any recommendations to be submitted to the City Council's Governmental Affairs Committee and the City's Board of Ethics for consideration.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 2, 2004, the voters of the City of Riverside approved Measure DD adding Section 202 to the Riverside City Charter and requiring the adoption of a Code of Ethics and Conduct for elected officials and for members of appointed boards and commissions within six months of the effective date of the Charter.

On April 5, 2016, the City amended the Code of Ethics and Conduct by adding Chapter 2.78 to the Riverside Municipal Code, entitled "Code of Ethics and Conduct." A copy of that ordinance is attached to this report.

Section 2.78.110 of the Code of Ethics and Conduct provides that prior to the end of July of each year, "boards and commissions shall agendaize and discuss at a regular meeting this Code of Ethics and Conduct and submit to the Board of Ethics any recommendations for the Board's consideration." Section 2.78.110 further provides that any such recommendations will be discussed by the Board of Ethics and the Governmental Affairs Committee at their respective meetings.

The Governmental Affairs Committee has tentatively scheduled their review of the Code of Ethics for September 6, 2017. In accord with the Code, the Board of Public Utilities has agendaized the Code for discussion to determine if there are any recommendations to be submitted for consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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**Attachments:**

1. Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78
2. Letter to Board Chair from City Clerk dated May 15, 2017