

BOARD OF ETHICS HEARING PANEL
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017, 1:30 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Wright (left the meeting at 1:33 p.m.) and Members Ford, Macias, Tucker, and Huerta

ABSENT: Member Stahovich

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Nicol, Dana Roa, and Robert Hansen

Chair Wright convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and announced that Alternate Macias has been empaneled in the absence of Member Stahovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Hunter requested (1) subpoenas for Councilmembers Davis and Soubirous to appear as witnesses; (2) subpoena of all relevant closed session records; (3) subpoena of the Human Resources Director to appear as a witness; (4) subpoena of the investigative report for Hunter v Kerr and Wright; (5) no further destruction of closed session evidence; and (6) recusal of Chair Wright.

Member Wright adjourned the meeting and left the Art Pick Council Chamber. Member Ford reconvened the meeting as Chair Pro Tem.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Macias nominating Member Ford as Chair. Motion failed with Members Macias and Tucker voting yes, Member Ford voting no, and Member Huerta abstaining.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Macias nominating Member Huerta as Chair. Motion carried unanimously, with Member Huerta abstaining.

Chair Huerta assumed the Chair and presided.

HEARING

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Ford to resume the hearing on the complaint filed by Jason Hunter against Mayor Bailey alleging violation of the Code of Ethics on July 22, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bailey spoke about the Code of Ethics core values, dismissal of the case, limitation of the length of presentation of evidence, and the Mayor's role in the actions that are the subject of this complaint.

HEARING- CONTINUED

Mr. Hunter commenced presentation of evidence and called Mayor Bailey as a witness. Mr. Hunter concluded presentation of evidence.

Chair Huerta announced that the Riverside Municipal Code provides that the panel must have five members. Only four are serving at this time. Chair Huerta asked if the parties would stipulate to proceed with four panel members. Mr. Hunter declined to stipulate to four members.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Macias to continue the hearing to a future date to enable a five-member panel to be present. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk