

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017, 5 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair House and Members Wright, Huerta, Macias, Tucker, Stahovich, Foley (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), and Ford

ABSENT: Member Nelson

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Morton and Robert Hansen

Chair House convened the meeting at 5 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one present wishing to speak.

MINUTES

It was moved by Member Stahovich and seconded by Member Wright to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2017, as presented. Motion carried with all ayes with Members Macias and Huerta abstaining and Member Foley absent.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENCES

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board unanimously excused the absence of Gloria Huerta and Deborah L. Macias from the September 7, 2017, meeting. Motion carried with all ayes with Members Huerta and Macias abstaining and Member Foley absent.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

Following discussion, it was moved by Panel Member Huerta and seconded by Panel Chair Macias to approve the written statement of findings and decisions for the Hunter v. Tucker, Stahovich, and House complaint heard on August 30, 2017. Motion carried with Panel Chair Macias and Panel Members Wright and Huerta voting aye and Panel Members Foley and Nelson absent.

Member Foley arrived during the following item.

AMENDMENT TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CHAPTER 2.78 TO REQUIRE POSTING OF BOND AFTER THREE UNFOUNDED COMPLAINTS WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR

Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Huerta and seconded by Chair House to recommend to the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee that Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060 be modified to delete the words, "It shall be deemed unethical for any public official to engage in one or more of the following prohibited actions: ..." and replace with, "It may be unethical for any public official to engage in one or more of the following prohibited actions: ..." Motion carried unanimously.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Member Huerta and seconded by Member Foley that the recommendation that would require posting of a bond after three unfounded complaints within a calendar year not be forwarded to the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee. The motion carried with Chair House and Members Macias and Tucker voting No.

BOARD OF ETHICS STANDING RULES ANNUAL REVIEW

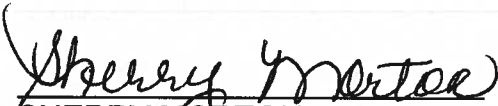
Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Tucker and seconded by Vice Chair Huerta requesting the Board of Ethics Standing Rules be updated after City Council's annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct to ensure the rules are consistent with the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS

Chair House requested discussion of cancelling the December regular meeting due to the holiday at the November Board meeting. Member Tucker requested that the subcommittee bring forward the flow chart on the hearing procedures to the November Board meeting.

Chair House adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


SHERRY MORTON
Assistant City Clerk