

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017, 5 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair House, Vice Chair Huerta, and Members Foley (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), Ford (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Macias, Nelson, Stahovich, Tucker, and Wright

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Morton and Charles Mayr

Chair House convened the meeting at 5 p.m., and recognized students from Riverside Poly High School who were in the audience.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one present wishing to speak.

MINUTES

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Stahovich that the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2017, as presented. Motion carried with all ayes with Member Nelson abstaining and Members Ford and Foley absent.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENCE

It was moved by Member Stahovich and seconded by Member Macias that the Board excuse the absence of Member Nelson from the October 5, 2017, meeting. Motion carried with all ayes with Member Nelson abstaining and Members Ford and Foley absent.

REVIEW OF RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT AND CHAPTER 2.80 BOARD OF ETHICS

Vice Chair Huerta reported that the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee approved the Board's recommendation to forward to the City Council the proposed amendment to Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78 Prohibited Conduct, amending the language to read, "*It ~~shall~~ may be ~~deemed~~ unethical for any public official to engage in one or more of the following prohibited actions.*" No formal action was taken or required.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON HEARING PROCESS TEMPLATE

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chair Huerta and seconded by Member Macias that the Board table the subcommittee report on the hearing process template until the January Board of Ethics meeting. The motion carried unanimously, with Members Foley and Ford absent.

Member Ford arrived during the following item.

BOARD OF ETHICS HOLIDAY MEETING SCHEDULE

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chair Huerta and seconded by Member Tucker that the Board cancel the December 7, 2017, Board of Ethics meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Member Foley absent.

Member Foley arrived at this time.

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

Member Stahovich requested (1) that the letter received from Virginia Blumenthal and Ronald Loveridge regarding the Code of Ethics and Conduct be placed on the agenda of the January Board of Ethics meeting for discussion; and (2) the City Attorney discuss the procedure regarding rebuttal arguments at either the January or February Board of Ethics meeting.

Chair House adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SHERRY MORTON
Assistant City Clerk