

BOARD OF ETHICS HEARING PANEL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017, 3:30 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Wright and Members Tucker, Stahovich, Huerta, Ford, and Macias (Alternate)

ABSENT: None

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., with all members present.

Chair Wright asked Claimant Jason Hunter to request a continuance of his two hearings scheduled for February 14, 2017, as a courtesy as the transcript of the July 22, 2014, City Council meeting would not be available at that time.

Chair Wright disclosed his relationship with Mayor Bailey, as he serves as pastor at the church Mayor Bailey attends. Mr. Hunter responded he had no objections to Mr. Wright serving on the hearing panel.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Aurora Chavez spoke regarding a City Council public hearing and closed session. Teresa Newham spoke regarding public comment, a complaint against Councilmember Soubirous, broadcasting of the hearing, and subpoenas. Kevin Dawson spoke regarding video recording of the hearing. Jason Hunter spoke regarding video recording of the hearing, continuation of the hearing, and a video of the July 22, 2014, City Council meeting.

CODE OF ETHICS COMPLAINT FILED BY JASON HUNTER AGAINST MAYOR WILLIAM "RUSTY" BAILEY, III - CONTINUED

Deputy City Clerk Roa administered the oath to Jason Hunter and Mayor Bailey.

Chair Wright called upon Complainant Jason Hunter to express technical or procedural issues relative to the Code of Ethics complaint he filed on December 27, 2016, against Mayor William "Rusty" Bailey, III. Mr. Hunter spoke regarding audio evidence to be transcribed, a conflict with the City Attorney serving as Counsel to the hearing panel, the need for a recusal policy for the hearing panel, and a request for subpoenas for closed session audio and minutes.

Chair Wright called upon Mayor Bailey to express technical or procedural issues. Mayor Bailey stated there were no technical or procedural issues.

Chair Wright addressed Mr. Hunter's issues. No actions were taken.

Opening statements were made by Mr. Hunter and Mayor Bailey.

Mr. Hunter presented his evidence and requested the July 22, 2014, City Council meeting audio be played at the hearing. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Huerta and seconded by Member Tucker to continue the hearing to a future date to allow for the transcription of the July 22, 2014, City Council audio, with Mr. Hunter to review and highlight the relevant parts of the transcript.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SHERRY MORTON
Assistant City Clerk