



# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

## Board Memorandum

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**DATE:** JULY 8, 2019

**ITEM NO:** 8

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

**ISSUE:**

Review, discuss, and make recommendations for revisions to the Code of Ethics and Conduct to be submitted to the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Board of Ethics for consideration..

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Public Utilities review, discuss, and make recommendations for revisions to the Code of Ethics and Conduct to be submitted to the Governmental Affairs Committee and the 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. The City Council adopted such Code of Ethics and Conduct by resolution.

On April 5, 2016, the City codified 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. The City Council most recently amended the Code of Ethics and Conduct on May 9, 2018. A copy of the April 24, 2018, Council report detailing such changes is attached hereto.

Section 2.78.110 of the Code of Ethics and Conduct is entitled "Monitoring and Oversight" and requires that prior to the end of July of each year, "boards and commissions shall agendize 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 Governmental Affairs Committee and the Board of Ethics at their respective meetings.

The Board of Ethics has scheduled their review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Thursday, August 1, 2019. The Governmental Affairs Committee has scheduled their review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for September 4, 2019. In accordance with this schedule, the Board of Public Utilities has agendized this item 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 April 30, 2019
3. April 24, 2018 City Council report
4. Presentation