

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020, 5 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Nelson, , Members Foley, Ford, Graham, Huerta, Keen, Newman, and Vega

ABSENT: Vice Chair Stahovich and Member Graham

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo and Brandon Mercer

Chair Nelson convened the Board of Ethics meeting at 5:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to speak.

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Keen and seconded by Member Newman to approve the minutes of November 5, 2020, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Foley and seconded by Member Keen to excuse the absence of Gil Vega from the meeting of November 5, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS WITH HEARING PANELS

Senior Deputy City Attorney Mercer provided explanation on ex parte communications with hearing panels. No formal action was taken.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON VALIDATION PROCESS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIAL TO VET POLICY PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENT OF COMPLAINT AFTER FILING

Chair Nelson appointed Member Vega to replace Member Huerta on the ad hoc committee.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION OF OCTOBER 27, 2020 - APPEAL OF HUNTER v. PLASCENCIA COMPLAINT FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

Senior Deputy City Attorney Mercer provided explanation on the City Council action of October 27, 2020 regarding the appeal of Hunter v Plascencia findings and decision. No formal action was taken.

REPORT ON INCLUSIVENESS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

There were no Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee or City Council actions to report at this time.

REPORT OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES BY BOARD MEMBERS

There was nothing to report on meetings and activities by Board Members.

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

There were no comments on Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78 Code of Ethics and Conduct and Chapter 2.80 Board of Ethics.

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

Chair Nelson requested discussion on (1) City Council decisions on the appeal of Hunter v Plascencia and Allotta v Plascencia; and (2) appeal process for recommendations. Member Keen requested discussion on (1) pre-hearing protocols that allow the official to speak; and (2) pre-hearing panel to make discretion of allowing the official to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA ARSEO
Assistant City Clerk