



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: JUNE 14, 2021

SUBJECT: CITY OF RIVERSIDE CODE OF ETHICS

ISSUE:

Conduct the annual review of the City of Riverside Code of Ethics and Conduct and submit any recommendations to the Board of Ethics for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Review and discuss the City of Riverside Code of Ethics and Conduct; and
2. Submit any recommendations to the Board of Ethics for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

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 agendaize 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.

This matter will be heard by the Board of Ethics at 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021 in the Art Pick Council Chamber. The City Council Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes will consider the Board of Ethics recommendations at their September 1, 2021, meeting. The City Council will conduct a public hearing prior to the end of the year to consider all recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

The City Clerk has sent letters to all the Boards and Commission Chairs inviting members to appear at these meetings and be heard. In addition, written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk's office for distribution with agenda materials.

A copy of the City's Code of Ethics is attached to this report. Board members should review the Code of Ethics and be prepared to discuss any proposed changes to be recommended to the Board of Ethics at their August 5, 2021 meeting. Staff does not have any recommendations for changes to the Code of Ethics.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Riverside Municipal Code - Chapter 2.78 – Code of Ethics and Conduct