

CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT
REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015, 6 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Blumenthal and Members Zarate (arrived at 6:22 p.m.), Pacheco, Stahovich, Macias, House, Webb, Vaughn-Blakely, and Palacios, and Alternates Greene (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), Barth and Sayavong

ABSENT: Member Manning

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Morton, Robert Hansen, and Lorena Verduco

Chair Blumenthal convened the Committee at 6 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member House and seconded by Member Webb to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2015, as presented. The motion carried unanimously with Member Vaughn-Blakely abstaining.

COMPLAINT PROCESS

Paragraphs XII and XIII.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Pacheco and seconded by Member Palacios, Jr., to strike Paragraphs XII and XIII and requested the City Attorney draft a new Paragraph XII with language stating that City resources shall not be utilized either to prove or disprove a complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Motion for the Handling of a Suspected Frivolous Ethics Complaint.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the Code of Ethics and Conduct should include the handling of suspected frivolous ethics complaints. Following further discussion and without formal motion, the Committee unanimously requested the City Attorney draft language (1) incorporating Member House's proposed motion for the handling of suspected frivolous ethics complaints with the exception of Paragraph (E) "Sanctions" as the first step in the Code of Ethics hearing proceedings; and (2) adding the definition of a "frivolous complaint".

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


SHERRY MORTON
Assistant City Clerk