ITEM 1

MINUTES

FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M., THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 2013, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 300 N. CAMPBELL – 1ST FLOOR

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda below will be considered by the Commission to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Commission or persons in the audience request specific items be removed from the Consent agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Members Present: Karlsruher, Eileen – Chair
Bautista, Jesus
Gezelius, Kenneth
Hernandez, Edward
Pleters, Michael
Ramirez, Terry
Turner, Marcia

Members Absent: Dominguez, Ricardo

Meeting convened at 6:06 p.m. with seven Commissioners present and Chair Karlsruher presiding. Chair Karlsruher asked CSC Secretary Linda Ball Thomas if there were any changes to the Agenda. Ms. Thomas stated that there were no changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action on Approval of Minutes:

March 14, 2013

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WITH CHANGES TO MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2013 NOTING LATE ARRIVAL OF COMMISSIONER KENNETH GEZELIUS.

2. Notation Assignment of Hearing Officers to the Following Appeals:

A. Leo Morales, Jr.-Environmental Services- Termination-Patricia Palafox
B. Marta L. Castro – Public Health – Suspension – William Ellis
C. Ernesto Rincon- Zoo – Suspension – Patricia Palafox
D. Alfredo Rodriguez-Sun Metro – Suspension-William Ellis

NOTED

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Discussion and Action on Election of Civil Service Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL PLETERS FOR CHAIR MADE BY COMMISSIONER KARLSRUHER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VIESCAS AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1 WITH COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA VOTING NAY.

FIRST NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONER EILEEN KARLSRUHER FOR VICE CHAIR MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIESCAS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TURNER AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1 WITH COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA VOTING NAY.

SECOND NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONER EDWARD HERNANDEZ FOR VICE CHAIR MADE BY COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA FIRST NOMINATION PASSES.

4. Discussion and Action on the Review of Applications for Hearing Officers Pursuant to Civil Service Commission Rule 1, Section 12.

   A. Robert L. Blumenfeld
   B. Norberto Flores

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION MADE BY COMMISSIONER TURNER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KARLSRUHER AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Executive session convened at 6:18 p.m.

The Civil Service Commission may retire into Executive Session pursuant to Civil Service Commission Rule 1, Section 11(a) and the Texas Government Code, Section 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Commission may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.). The Commission will return to open session to take any final action.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION MADE BY COMMISSIONER GEZELIUS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TURNER AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Reconvened to open session at 6:24 p.m.

Discussion by Chair Pleters, Commissioners Hernandez, Ramirez, Bautista, Viescas, and CSC Secretary Linda Ball Thomas. Further discussion by Commissioners Karlsruher, Hernandez, Bautista, Viescas, and CSC Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Ruhmann.

MOTION TO DELETE MADE BY COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TURNER MOTION FAILS BY A VOTE OF 3 TO 4.

AYES: BAUTISTA, TURNER, GEZELIUS
NAYES: RAMIREZ, HERNANDEZ, KARLSRUHER, VIESCAS

SECOND MOTION TO GO FORWARD AND PROVIDE BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THESE APPLICANTS AT JUNE MEETING AND CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS AS A PROCESS ON ANY FUTURE APPLICANTS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KARLSRUHER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY COMMISSIONER KARLSRUHER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

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Michael Pleters, Chair

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Linda Ball Thomas, C.S.C. Secretary

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Date Approved